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PREFACE.

The object of publishing these Journals independently of the Calendar of State Papers, Colonial, has been explained in the preceding volume.

The Journal is now carried down to March 1741-5.

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Journal of the proceedings of Her Majesty's Commissioners for promoting the trade of this Kingdom, and for inspecting and improving her plantations in America and elsewhere, from the first of February, 1708-9, to the twenty-sixth May, 1710.

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February 1, 1708-9. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

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Barbadoes.

Reference on the petition of Mr. Gordon, provost marshal of Barbadoes against Acts.

Mr. George Gordon, provost marshal of Barbadoes, presented to their lordships a reference from the Earl of Sunderland of the 25th of the last month [*fo.* 31], upon a petition of the said Gordon's to her Majesty, complaining that several Acts of Barbadoes have named marshals for the levying and executing the writs and executions that have issued, pursuant to the said laws, and that the Courts of Common Pleas and Admiralty have also appointed their own marshals, whereby he is deprived of the benefit of her Majesty's grant to him of provost marshal general of the said island, and praying that he may be restored to the execution of his said place, was read, as also a letter from Mr. Burchet, recommending the said Gordon to their lordships. Whereupon Mr. Gordon was desired to bring to their lordships what proofs he has of the allegations in his said petition, which he promised to do accordingly.

Letter from Mr. Burchet in his favour.

Bahama's

Representation on their State.

The draught of a representation upon the petition of several merchants &c. relating to the weak state of the Bahama Islands [*M. fo.* 424; *fo.* 3], and praying her Majesty to take the same under her immediate protection, as directed the 28th of the last month, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Virginia. Carolina.

*Letter to Lords Proprietors.
Virginia Traders.*

A letter to the Lords Proprietors of Carolina [*M. fo.* 424; *fo.* 3], desiring their answer to what had been writ them the 10th of November last, relating to the seizure of goods in Carolina belonging to the Virginia Indian traders, was also agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

February 2. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

Bahama Islands.

Representation of their present state &c.

A representation, upon the petition of several merchants &c. to her Majesty [*fo.* 2, 19], relating to the Bahama Islands, as agreed at the last meeting, inclosing the copies of two reports from Sir Edward Northey and Sir Simon Harcourt, the one to her Majesty relating to the disorders in the Government of Rhode Island and Connecticut, the other to this Board, touching the Bahama Islands &c., was signed.

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Virginia.

Carolina.

*Letter to the Lords**Proprietors.**Virginia traders.*

Virginia.

*Additional instruc-**tions about**patenting lands.*

Barbadoes.

*Mr. Crow's answer
to complaints.*

A letter to the Lords Proprietors of Carolina [*fo. 2, 6*], touching goods seized in that province, belonging to Virginia Indian traders, as agreed at the last meeting, was also signed.

The draught of an additional instruction to Colonel Hunter, Governor of Virginia [*M. fo. 412; fo. 5*], relating to the patenting of lands in that Colony, as directed the 24th of the last month, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

Then their lordships again took into consideration Mr. Crow's answer to the complaints against him by three of the members of the Council in Barbadoes [*M. fo. 415, vide infra*], mentioned in the minutes of the 24th of the last month, and made a further progress therein.

February 3. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

Their lordships proceeded in the consideration of Mr. Crow's answer to the complaints exhibited against him by three of the Council of Barbadoes [*vide supra, fo. 5*] (mentioned in yesterday's minutes), and made some observations thereupon.

February 4. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter to the Earl of Sunderland [*fo. 3, 42*], inclosing the draught of an additional instruction to Colonel Hunter for her Majesty's royal signature, relating to the patenting of lands in Virginia, was signed.

An Order of Council of the 27th of January, 1708 [*M. fo. 404; fo. 151*], upon a petition of Mr. Penn to her Majesty, dismissing the petition of the Lord Baltimore referr'd to this Board by an Order of Council of the same month, and discharging the Board from any further proceedings thereon, was read.

Their lordships again took into consideration Mr. Crow's answer to the complaints against him [*fo. 4, 11*] (mentioned in yesterday's minutes), and went through the same, and gave directions for preparing the draught of a representation thereupon.

Captain Baker attending [*fo. 43*], presented to their lordships a memorial in answer to the letter writ him the 20th of December, 1708, for an account of his proceedings for preventing the exportation of wooll &c., was read.

February 7. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter from the Lords Proprietors of Carolina [*fo. 3, 184*], in answer to one writ them the 2nd instant, relating to the goods of the Virginia traders seized in Carolina, was read.

A letter from Mr. John Perry, secretary to the Royal African Company, of the 5th instant [*M. fo. 416; fo. 11*], desiring to have the names of the ships that have in each year (since the passing the Act to settle the trade to Africa) imported negroes into Jamaica and Antego, as likewise the number of negroes imported by the

Virginia.

*Letter to the**Earl of Sunderland.**Additional instruction.**Patenting land.*

Pennsylvania.

Maryland.

*Order of Council on**Mr. Penn's petition.**Boundaries.*

Barbadoes.

*Mr. Crow's answer
to complaints.*

Trade.

*Captain Baker's**memorial.**Proceedings against**exportation of wooll**&c.*

Virginia.

Carolina.

*Letter from Lords**Proprietors.**Virginia traders.*

Trade.

*Letter from Mr. Perry**secretary of the Royal**African Company.**Ships importing and**negroes carried to**Jamaica and Antigua.*

separate traders into the said islands, was read, whereupon ordered that the Company be acquainted that they may have the accounts of the said number of ships and negroes, if they will send one of their own clerks to transcribe the same, for that the clerks in this office have not time to do it.

A letter from Colonel Parke, Governor of the Leeward Islands, dated the 1st of October, 1708, was read, and the papers therein referr'd to, were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

Account of imports into Antigua from 25th September, 1707, to the 25th December following.

Account of imports in Antigua from the 25th of December, 1707, to the 25th of March, 1708.

Account of imports into Antigua from the 25th of March, 1708, to the 25th of June following.

Account of imports into Antigua from the 25th of June, 1708, to the 25th of September following.

Account of exports from Antigua from the 25th of December, 1707, to the 25th of March, 1708.

Account of exports from Antigua from the 25th of March, 1708, to the 25th of June following.

Account of exports from Antigua from the 25th of June, 1708, to the 25th of September following.

Account of the exports from Antigua from the 25th of September, 1708, to the 25th of December following.

Another letter from Colonel Park of the same date, touching the complaints against him, was also read, and the papers referr'd to therein were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

Address of the Councill of Antigua to Colonel Parke, in relation to the complaint transmitted against him &c.

Copy of a letter writ by the Council of Antigua to the Agent of that island here, relating to the complaints against Colonel Parke.

An account of the riot in Antigua, with the opinion of the Attorney General and of the Queen's Council.

Copy of the record of a riot that happen'd in Antigua the 18th September, 1708.

Fifteen depositions relating to the riot in Antigua.

Whereupon ordered that what the said Colonel Parke writes in the said letter relating to illegal trade in the said islands, together with paragraph C of his letter of the 14th of November last, on the same subject, read the 21st of the last month, be sent to Mr. Lowndes, to be laid before the Lord High Treasurer.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Doctor Davenant, Inspector General of her Majesty's Customes [fo. 51], for an account of the value of goods exported and imported to and from Portugal, since Christmas, 1706, to Christmas, 1708.

February 9. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter from Mr. James Campbell, of yesterday's date, inclosing the copy of a letter to him from Harbour Grave Island in Newfoundland, dated the 4th January, 1708, giving an account of the

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Leeward Islands.
Letter
from Col. Parke.

Papers therein
referr'd to.

Letter
from Col. Parke.

Papers therein
referr'd to.

Extracts about illegal
trade &c. to be sent
Mr. Lowndes.

Trade.
Letter to Dr.
Davenant.
Exports and imports
to and from Portugal.

Newfoundland.
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Campbel with copy
of one from
Newfoundland.

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*Fort of St. John's
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*New Hampshire.
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*Account of remains
to be remitted.
Letter
to Col. Dudley.*

*Trade.
Opinion of merchants
&c. of Jamaica upon
the African trade.*

*Carolina.
Certificate.
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*Barbadoes.
Draught of repre-
sentation on Mr.
Crow's answer to
complaints.*

*Leeward Islands.
Letter
from Col. Parke.*

*Papers therein
referr'd to.*

taking of the fort at St. John's in Newfoundland by the French, who by scaling ladders made themselves masters thereof without any resistance &c., was read.

An Order of Council of the 27th of the last month [*fo. 14*], upon two representations from the Board of Ordnance to her Majesty, relating to stores of war to be sent to the province of New Hampshire &c., directing this Board to signify to the Governor of the said province that he do pursuant to his instructions transmit to their lordships a true account of remains of stores there, and of what shall be expended from time to time &c., was read ; and directions given for preparing the draught of a letter to Colonel Dudley thereupon, accordingly.

The opinion of the merchants and planters of Jamaica in relation to the African trade [*fo. 6, 234*], transmitted to Mr. Milner and Mr. Morris in a letter from Mr. Thomas Mitchell and Mr. Richard Basnet, dated at Kingston the 13th of December, 1708, having been communicated to the Board by Mr. Milner, was read.

A certificate from her Majesty's Remembrance Office in the Exchequer, dated the 3rd instant, setting forth that Major Edward Tynt appointed Governor of the province of Carolina [*M. fo. 408*], had given security in a bond of two thousand pounds for his due observance of the Acts of Trade and Navigation in that government, was read, and directions given for preparing the draught of a letter to the Earl of Sunderland [*fo. 16*], inclosing the draught of instructions for the Lords Proprietors of that province to be by them given to the said Major Tynte.

The draught of a representation upon the answer of Mr. Crow, Governor of Barbadoes, to the complaint exhibited against him by three of the members of Council in that island as directed the 4th instant [*fo. 5, 14*], was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

A letter from Colonel Parke, Governor of the Leeward Islands, dated the 14th of November, 1708, touching the complaints of Mrs. Bowden, was read ; as were also the papers therein referr'd to, which are as follows, vizt. :

Copy of Mrs. Bowden's petition to her Majesty, complaining of Colonel Parke having dispossess'd her of a plantation &c., praying relief therein.

Answer of the Lieutenant Governor and Council of St. Christopher's to the complaints of Mrs. Bowden against Colonel Parke, dated the 31st of October, 1708.

An agreement made between Colonel Parke and Mrs. Bowden for several negroes, oxen &c., belonging to the said Bowden in St. Christopher's, to the value of 575*l.*, together with her receipt for the same, also the affidavits of Mr. Lambert, Mr. Burrel and Mr. Payne &c.

Examination of several persons before the Lieutenant Governor and Council of St. Christopher's, relating to the complaints of Mrs. Mary Bowden &c.

Affidavits of Stephen Payne, Rachel Symmonds, John Helden, Jedidiah Hutchinson and Thomas Young, relating to the complaint of Mrs. Mary Bowden &c.

Whereupon ordered that the draught of a representation be prepared for laying what the said Colonel Parke writes in relation to the said complaints before her Majesty.

February 11. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

An Order of a Committee of the House of Commons [*fo.* 15], appointed to consider of methods for the more effectual execution of the laws now in force for excluding from the House of Commons, officers of (*sic*), and such as receive pensions during pleasure, requiring the Board to lay before the said Committee on Tuesday morning next an account of such pensions during pleasure, as paid by their lordships, with the names of the persons to whom the same are payable, was read, and directions given for preparing an answer thereunto.

A representation, upon Mr. Crow's answer to the complaints of three of the members of Council of Barbadoes against him [*fo.* 11, 27, 34], as agreed the last meeting, together with a letter to the Earl of Sunderland, inclosing the same, were signed.

A letter to Colonel Dudley, Governor of the Massachusetts Bay, and New Hampshire, pursuant to an Order of Council of the 27th of the last month [*fo.* 10], relating to his transmitting hither an account of the expenditure of stores of war &c., as directed the 9th instant, was agreed, and signed.

The draught of a representation upon what Colonel Parke writes [*fo.* 12, 16], touching Mrs. Bowden's complaints against him, as directed the 9th instant, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle, in answer to one from him of the 4th of August, 1708 [*M. fo.* 412 ; *fo.* 17], inclosing an extract of a letter dated at Antego the 9th of March foregoing, complaining of Colonel Park's proceedings there, as directed the 21st of January last, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

February 14. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

An answer to an Order of the Committee of the House of Commons of the 10th instant [*fo.* 13], requiring an account of such pensions during pleasure as are paid by this Board &c., directed the 11th instant, was signed.

The secretary acquainting their lordships that Sir John Bennet had been with him to desire that the hearing of the complaints from Bermuda, appointed for Munday, the 21st instant, might be further put off till the Wednesday following, by reason his Council were otherways engaged, and could not attend, their lordships consented thereto, and gave directions that Sir John Bennet and Mr. Jones have notice that the said hearing was put off till Wednesday, the 23rd instant accordingly.

Mr. Tryon and Mr. Fullerton attending [*M. fo.* 394 ; *fo.* 16], in behalf of Mr. Skeen, secretary of Barbadoes, presented to their

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*Representation
thereupon.*

Miscellanies.
*Order of a Committee
of House of Commons.
Pensions.*

Barbadoes.
*Complaints against
Mr. Crow.
Representation.
Letter to Earl of
Sunderland.*

New England.
*Letter to Col. Dudley
on order about stores
of war.*

Leeward Islands.
*Draught of represen-
tation.
Complaints against
Col. Parke.*

*Draught of letter to
Mr. Secretary Boyle
on same subject.*

Miscellanies.
*Answer to an Order
of Committee of the
Commons.
Pensions.*

Bermuda.
*Hearing between
Bennet and Jones
put off.*

Notice given thereof.

Barbadoes.
*Papers in behalf of
Mr. Skene.*

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lordships the following papers, vizt., the affidavit of Captain John Wentworth, Captain Thomas Lemmon and Captain Goswell, commanders of ships trading to Barbadoes, setting forth that the usual fees paid by them to the secretary of that island for a licence to sail, hath never been less than three shillings and ninepence; the certificate of Mr. Woodbridge, one of the justices at the Court of Oyer and Terminer at the tryal of the aforesaid Skeene, shewing that he had a fair and full tryal; the certificate of Sir Robert Davers and several other gentlemen and merchants trading to Barbadoes, giving a good character of the said Skeene &c.; which affidavit and certificates were read, and directions given for preparing the draught of a representation upon her Majesty's order of reference of the 30th of September, 1705 [M. fo. 394; fo. 15, 20], relating to the aforesaid Skeene.

Leeward Islands.
Representation
Mrs. Bowden's com-
plaint.

Carolina.
Letter to the
Earl of Sunderland.
Instructions.
Acts of trade &c.

A representation upon what Colonel Parke writes in his letter of the 14th of November, 1708 [fo. 14], touching the complaints of Mrs. Bowden against him, mentioned in the minutes of the 11th instant, was signed.

A letter to the Earl of Sunderland, inclosing the draught of instructions to the Lords Proprietors of Carolina [fo. 11, 17], relating to the Acts of Trade and Navigation to be given by them to Major Tynte, appointed Governor of that province, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

February 15. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

Carolina.
Letter to the
Earl of Sunderland.
Lords Proprietors.
Instructions about
Acts of Trade for
Major Tynte.

A letter to the Earl of Sunderland, inclosing the draught of instructions to the Lords Proprietors of Carolina [fo. 16], relating to the Acts of Trade and Navigation to be given to Major Tynte, appointed Governor of that province, as agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

Leeward Islands.
Letter to Mr. Secretary
Boyle.
Complaints against
Col. Parke.

A letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle, in answer to one from him of the 4th of August, 1708 [fo. 14], relating to some complaints against the proceedings of Colonel Parke, Governor of the Leeward Islands, as agreed the 11th instant, was signed.

Barbadoes.
Copy of an Order
of Council.
Complaints against
Mr. Crow.

Copy of an Order of Council of the 30th of December, 1708, upon a representation of the 3rd ditto [M. fo. 353; fo. 27], relating to the complaints of Mr. Sharp, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Beresford against Mr. Crowe, Governor of Barbadoes, approving the same, and directing the Earl of Sunderland to prepare letters to the said Mr. Crow, for his answer to the said complaints, was read.

Newfoundland.
Orders on repre-
sentation about
necessaries for New-
foundland.

Copy of an Order of Council of the 27th January, 170⁸/₉, upon that part of a representation of the 19th ditto [M. fo. 406], relating to provisions for the garrison in Newfoundland, and to money in lieu of malt and hopps as usual, referring the same to the Lord High Admiral, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council of the 27th of January, 170⁸/₉, upon that part of a representation of the 19th ditto, touching the accounts of provisions in Newfoundland, transmitted by the Commodore &c., approving the said representation and referring the same to the Commissioners for Victualling the Navy, was read.

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Copy of an Order of Council of the 27th of January, 1708, upon that part of a representation of the 19th ditto, relating to the boom at Newfoundland, referring the same to the Office of Ordnance, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council of the 27th January, 1708, upon that part of a representation of the 19th ditto, relating to the payment of the soldiers in Newfoundland, referring the same to the Lord High Treasurer, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council of the 3rd of February, 1708, upon a representation of the 2nd ditto [fo. 3, 379], relating to the ruined state of the Bahama Islands, and to the fortifying Providence there, referring the said representation to Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor General for their report thereupon, was read.

A memorial from several merchants trading to the Spanish Netherlands, complaining that the magistrates at Bruges will not permit them to sell any tanned leather or calves' skins there &c., was read. Whereupon ordered [fo. 22] that Mr. Woodroff and others concerned in the said complaint, have notice to attend the Board on Monday, the 21st instant, and that they do bring with them such proofs to the allegations mentioned in their said memorial as they are able to get.

February 18. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

A representation upon her Majesty's Order of Reference of the 30th of September, 1708 [fo. 16, 57], on the petition of Mr. Skeen, secretary of Barbadoes, to her Majesty, praying that the proceedings against him may be reviewed &c., as directed the 14th instant, was signed.

A letter from the Lord Cornbury, Governor of New York, dated the 18th of October, 1708, was read, as also the papers referr'd to therein, which are as follows, vizt. :

Copy of an address from the Governor, Council and Assembly of New Yorke to her Majesty, relating to the Act of Parliament about the rates of foreign coine &c.

An Act for the regulating and preventing the corruption of the current coin &c.

Whereupon directions were given for preparing a representation thereupon.

An Order from a Committee of the House of Commons [fo. 15, 24], appointed to consider of methods for the effectual execution of the several laws now in force for excluding from the House of Commons, officers, and such as receive pensions during pleasure; requiring this Board to lay before them the establishment of this office, and whether the persons within named are interested for themselves or in trust for any other person, and for whom, was read; and directions given for preparing an answer thereunto.

February 21. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

The draught of a representation upon an Act past at New York, for the regulating and preventing the corruption of the current coin,

Bahama's
Order on representation.
Ruin'd state of the
Bahama Islands.

Trade.
Memorial from several
merchants.
Leather prohibited
at Bruges.
Mr. Woodroff &c.
summon'd.

Barbadoes.
Skeen.
Representation.

New York.
Letter from the Lord
Cornbury.

Papers therein
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Representation.

Miscellanies.
Order of a Committee
of the House of
Commons.
Pensions.

Answer.

New York.
Act about coin.
Representation.

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Trade.
*Merchants about
 tann'd leather and
 calve skins prohibited
 at Bruges.*

[fo. 20, 25], as directed at the last meeting, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Mr. Barons, Mr. Woodroff, Mr. Mors, and other merchants trading to Bruges, attended as they had been directed the 15th instant [fo. 19], their memorial relating to the sale of tann'd leather and calves' skins in Bruges was again read, and these gentlemen being asked several questions, Mr. Mors said that he had lived 25 years in Bruges, and came from thence in June, 1704, that all the time of his abode there, tann'd leather and calves' skins, imported from this kingdom, were permitted to be sold in that city, paying a duty of about 5 or 6 *per cent.* to the Crown of Spain, and another duty upon sale to the city; that the prohibition of selling the said commodities there did begin but since his departure from thence, and Mr. Woodroff produced several letters whereby he is informed from his correspondents there that the magistrates of Bruges will not permit the sale of the forementioned leather imported from hence into that city; and that this has been done in favour of the tanners there, who are not above 16 in number. They added that this would be a considerable damage to our trade, for that our exports in leather and other commodities to that city, did amount to above 50,000*l.* *per annum*, and in all probability during this time of war, that so many soldiers are in Flanders, our exports might be considerably increased. These gentlemen being withdrawn, their lordships gave directions [fo. 33] for preparing the draught of a representation thereupon, with their opinion that her Majesty be pleased to give directions to her Minister there, that he interceed with the magistrates of Bruges, that the said prohibition be taken off.

Leeward Islands.
*Mr. Baron.
 Attorneys in his suit
 against
 Col. Codrington.*

Then Mr. Baron attending again, acquainted their lordships that being dissatisfied with the proceedings of his agent, Colonel Thomas, in the suit depending between him and the said Barons and Colonel Codrington, late Governor of the Leeward Islands, he had appointed three other attornys to manage that matter, vizt.: Mr. Edward Byam, Mr. William Byam, and Mr. Samuel Byam, and therefore he desired their lordships would please to write to Colonel Parke that he make use of his interest with the said three gentlemen that they accept of this trust. He also communicated to their lordships a state of his case &c. Whereupon ordered that the papers in this office relating to the said Barons' case be laid before their lordships to-morrow morning.

Miscellanies.
*Answer to the
 Committee of the
 House of Commons.
 Office establishment.*

An answer to an Order of the Committee of the House of Commons of the 15th instant [fo. 21], requiring the establishment of this office &c., mentioned in the minutes of the 18th ditto, was signed.

Bermuda.
*Hearing between Col.
 Bennet and Mr. Jones
 put off.*

February 22. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

The secretary acquainting their lordships that Mr. Solicitor General had been yesterday to desire that the hearing the complaints from Bermuda appointed for to-morrow might be further put off till some day next week [M. fo. 417; fo. 32], by reason his business would not permit him to attend till then; their lordships agreed thereto, and gave directions that Sir John Bennet and

Mr. Jones should have notice that the said hearing was accordingly put off till Wednesday, the 2nd of March next, when their lordships do expect both sides should be then ready for the said hearing, that there may be no further delay therein.

A representation upon an Act past at New York [*fo.* 21, 50], for regulating and preventing the corruption of the current coin, as agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

A letter from the Earl of Sunderland of yesterday's date [*fo.* 30, 38], requiring this Board to consider whether there be plenty sufficient of corn in England to supply her Majesty's allies therewith, and in case there be, what methods are proper for preventing its being carried to France &c., was read; whereupon ordered [*fo.* 28], that a letter be writ to Mr. Savage for an account of all sorts of corn that have been exported to foreign parts from London and the out ports (if it can be done) from Christmas, 1707, to Christmas, 1708, and also that inquiry be made at Bear Key of the several prices of corn, and who are the principal merchants concerned in the trade of that commodity.

A letter from Brigadier Handasyd, Governor of Jamaica, of the 27th of October, 1708, was read, and the two following papers therein referr'd to laid before the Board, vizt. :

Contract made between the French King and the Duke of Anjou &c. for transporting goods from Old France and Spanish goods to the West Indies.

Proceedings in relation to a brigantine [*fo.* 29] seized by the naval officer in Jamaica.

Whereupon ordered [*fo.* 29] that paragraph I of the said letter, relating to the great want of sailors there &c., be sent to Mr. Burchet for the information of the Lord High Admiral.

February 23. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter from Brigadier Handasyd, Governor of Jamaica, dated the 23rd of November, 1708, was read.

Another letter from Brigadier Handasyd, of the 4th of December, 1708, was also read, and directions given for preparing answers thereunto.

A letter from her Majesty to Mr. Crowe, Governor of Barbadoes, dated the 22nd of January, 1708 [*fo.* 18], upon a representation of this Board of 3rd December last, relating to the complaints against him, requiring him to transmit his answer thereto, and that he do permit depositions to be taken by the complainants there, was read.

A second letter from her Majesty to Mr. Crow, dated the 19th instant [*fo.* 14, 35], upon a representation of this Board the 11th of February, 1708, ordering that Mr. Sharp, Mr. Walker and Mr. Beresford be restored to their respective places in the Council of Barbadoes, from which they had been suspended by the Governor, was likewise read; and directions given for transmitting both the said letters to Mr. Crow accordingly.

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Notice given to both parties.

New York.

Representation on Act about coin.

Trade.

Letter from the Earl of Sunderland. Corn.

Whether to be exported.

Letter to Mr. Savage for account of corn exported.

Merchants concern'd in that trade.

Jamaica.

Letter from Brigadier Handasyd.

Letter to Mr. Burchet. Want of sailors

Jamaica.

Letters from Brigadier Handasyd.

Barbadoes.

Queen's letters to Mr. Crow upon complaints against him, and for restoring Messrs. Sharp, Walker and Beresford to their places in Council.

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Jamaica.
Barbadoes.
Leeward Islands.
*Letters
to the Governors.*

Trade.
Price of corn.

Letters to the Governors of Jamaica, Barbadoes and the Leeward Islands [*fo.* 28], were agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Then the secretary acquainted their lordships that he had an account from Bear Key, that the prices of corn there were, vizt., wheat at 42 and 44 shillings per quarter, rye at 24 and 26 shillings, barley from 15 to 18 shillings, oats from 10 to 14 shillings, beans from 14 to 16 shillings, and pease from 24 to 26 shillings per quarter, mentioned in yesterday's minutes.

February 24. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

Trade.
*Letter from Mr.
Savage.
Corn exported.*

A letter from Mr. Savage, secretary to the Commissioners of her Majesty's Customs, of yesterday's date [*fo.* 25, 30], in answer to one writ him the 22nd instant, promising an account of all sorts of corn exported to foreign parts from London and the out ports, from Christmas, 1707, to Christmas, 1708, was read.

Letters to the Governors of Jamaica, Barbadoes and the Leeward Islands [*fo.* 29, 27], as agreed at the last meeting, were signed.

Jamaica.
Barbadoes.
Leeward Islands.
*Letters
to the Governors.*

Jamaica.
*Letter from Mr.
Burchet.
Want of seamen in
ships of war at
Jamaica.*

A letter from Mr. Burchet of this day's date, in answer to one writ him yesterday [*fo.* 26, 28], relating to the want of seamen on board her Majesty's ships of war at Jamaica, was read; and directions given for inclosing a copy thereof in the afore-mentioned letter to Brigadier Handasyd.

*Letter to Sir J. Cook
for his opinion about
seizure of a Spanish
brigantine without
commission.*

Their lordships taking into consideration the proceedings in the Admiralty Court at Jamaica [*fo.* 26, 37], in relation to a Spanish brigantine taken by the *Kingstone* gally in that island without any commission for the doing thereof; ordered that a letter be writ to Sir John Cook, her Majesty's Advocate General, transmitting a copy of the said proceedings, and desiring his opinion whether the said brigantine having upon her arrival at Jamaica been seized by the naval officer in port, the cognizance thereof does lay in the Court of Admiralty there, or in what other Court the same may be tried.

February 28. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

Trade.
*Reference on the peti-
tions of Mr. Van
Ryssen and Mr.
Diharce about passes
for ships.*

A letter from the Earl of Sunderland of the 20th instant [*fo.* 39, 40], referring to this Board the petitions of Mr. Daniel Van Ryssen and Mr. Peter Diharce to her Majesty, praying that they may have two passes for two ships, the one being to go to the Plantations, the other to North Brittain, was read; whereupon ordered that the petitioners have notice to attend their lordships on Friday morning next.

Letter to Mr. Savage

The letter from the Earl of Sunderland [*fo.* 25, 38], requiring this Board to consider whether there be plenty sufficient of corn in England to supply her Majesty's allies therewith &c., mentioned in the minutes of the 23rd instant, was again read; and directions given that a letter be writ to Mr. Savage [*fo.* 28, 34] to desire him

to hasten the account of corn exported to foreign parts from Christmas, 1707, to Christmas, 1708, and that Sir William Hodges, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Trimmer, and Mr. Gaskin, corn merchants, have notice to attend the Board on Wednesday morning next.

March 1. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

Mr. Gordon, provost marshal of Barbadoes, attending [*fo. 1, 34*] with Sir Robert Davers, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Waters and several other Barbadoes gentlemen, his petition to her Majesty, complaining that the Assembly of that island have in several Acts past there named marshals &c., mentioned in the minutes of the first of the last month, was again read. Then the said Gordon presented to the Board the following papers, which were also read and are as follows, vizt. :

Certificates of Mr. Woodbridge and Mr. Meine, relating to the place of the marshal of the Admiralty of Barbadoes.

Certificate of Mr. William Heysham and Mr. Foulerton, concerning the right of the provost marshal to be marshal of the Court of Common Pleas &c. in Barbadoes.

Certificate of Mr. Waters relating to the provost marshal of Barbadoes's right to be marshal of the Courts of Common Pleas in that island.

And thereupon Sir Robert Davers, Mr. Fullerton and Mr. Walters acquainted their lordships in substance with the same matter as is in the said certificates ; and these gentlemen observing that the Lord Willoughby had by his commission and instructions [*fo. 34*] a power of passing laws in that island, which were to continue but for two years only ; ordered that the said commission and instructions be laid before the Board to-morrow morning.

Ordered that an Act past in Barbadoes, entituled *An Act directing how the clerks and marshals of the several Courts of Common Pleas within this island shall be appointed and what they receive*, be also laid before the Board to-morrow morning.

The secretary acquainted their lordships that Mr. Jones had been with him [*fo. 24, 38*] to let him know that his Council, as well as Sir John Bennet's Council, had agreed on Monday next for hearing the Bermuda complaints, if their lordships had no objections thereunto. Whereupon ordered that Sir John Bennet and Mr. Jones have notice that the said hearing is put off till Monday, the 7th instant, accordingly.

The draught of a representation upon the memorial of several merchants trading to Bruges [*fo. 23, vide infra*] relating to the sale of tann'd leather and calves' skins in that city, as directed the 21st of the last month, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

March 2. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

A representation upon the memorial of several merchants trading to Bruges [*vide supra, fo. 72*], relating to the sale of tann'd leather and calve skins in that city, as agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

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for accounts of corn
exported.
Corn merchants
summon'd.

Barbadoes.
Mr. Gordon and
several Barbadoes
gentlemen.

Certificates about
the place of
provost marshal.

Lord Willoughby's
commission and in-
structions and
an Act to be laid
before the Board.

Bermuda.
Hearing between Col.
Bennet and Mr.
Jones adjourn'd.

Trade.
Representation upon
memorial about sale
of leather &c.
at Bruges.

Trade.
Representation about
sale of leather &c. at
Bruges.

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Trade.*Letter from Mr. Savage.**Accounts of corn exported.*

A letter from Mr. Savage of the 1st instant [fo. 30], in answer to one writ him the 22nd of the last month, together with the following papers referr'd to therein, were read.

Account of corn exported to foreign parts from the out ports from Christmas, 1707, to Christmas, 1708.

Account of corn exported from the port of London to foreign parts from Christmas, 1707, to Christmas, 1708.

Barbadoes.

Lord Willoughby's commission, instructions, and an Act about clerks and marshals' fees &c.

The secretary laid before their lordships the Lord William Willoughby's commission and instructions for the government of Barbadoes [fo. 32, 46], an Act past in that island entituled *An Act directing how the clerks and marshals for the several Courts of Common Pleas within this island, shall be appointed, and what they receive*, as directed at the last meeting; whereupon ordered that the draught of a representation be prepared, upon the reference from the Earl of Sunderland [fo. 31, 46] of the 25th of the last month, relating to Mr. Gordon, provost marshal of Barbadoes.

Order of Council, restoring Mr. Sharp, Walker and Beresford to their places in Council &c.

Copy of an Order of Council of the 13th of the last month [fo. 14, 143], upon a representation of the 11th ditto, proposing that Mr. Sharp, Mr. Walker and Mr. Berresford be restored to their places in the Council of Barbadoes, from which they had been suspended by Mr. Crow, approving the same, and directing the Earl of Sunderland to prepare a warrant for her Majesty's royal signature [fo. 27, 143], requiring the Governor to readmit the said members into their respective places in the said Council of Barbadoes accordingly, was read.

Barbadoes.

Letter from Sir John Cook and Mr. Farrer proposing Mr. Bond to be of the Council. Certificate of merchants in his behalf.

A letter from Sir John Cook and Mr. Farrer, desiring Mr. Bond may supply the first vacancy in the Council of Barbadoes, with a certificate from several merchants in favour of the said Bond, was read, and ordered that his name be added to the list of persons recommended to fill up vacancies in the said Council.

Trade.

Merchants about exportation of corn.

Sir William Hodges, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Gaskin attending [fo. 30], as they had been desired the 28th of the last month, and, being asked several questions in relation to the plenty of corn in this kingdom, and to the demands there may be thereof in foreign parts, they said that they did believe there might be an overplus of corn in this kingdom to supply foreign markets, by reason that the price of corn was low, the best wheat being from 40 to 43 shillings a quarter at Bear Key; that as to the demands from abroad, they have been very great, insomuch that they have weekly shipp'd off from the port of London, 1,000 or 1,500 quarter of wheat, rye and barley for near seven years last past; that particularly for Spain and Portugal they have sent considerable quantities within these four months, which with the prospect of a very good crop this year in those kingdoms, is the reason that the demands from thence are ceased; that they are in expectation of great demands of corn from Flanders, Mr. Thompson himself having a commission for 10,000 quarters of malt and barley; that they are also in expectation of demands from Holland, the Dutch having lately sent great quantities to Cadiz, in Swedes and Danish ships, and that their grainaries were never so empty. And Mr. Gaskin said he had already received a commission for sending

1,000 quarters of wheat to Holland. They added that there are general complaints of the badness of the last year's corn in this kingdom, and that they have sent large quantities of rye from hence to New Castle for the supply of the north. These gentlemen being withdrawn, their lordships gave directions for preparing an answer to the Earl of Sunderland's letter of the 21st of the last month, relating to the exportation of corn to foreign parts.

March 3. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter from Sir John Cook, her Majesty's Advocate General, in answer to one sent him the 25th of the last month [*fo.* 29] for his opinion upon the seizure of a brigantine in Jamaica, was read, and thereupon ordered that in the next letter to Brigadier Handasyd he be acquainted how that matter stands.

A memorial from Mr. George Vaughan, agent for New Hampshire, desiring that a supply of men and small arms may be sent from hence for the defence of that province, was read; whereupon order'd that Mr. Vaughan have notice to attend the Board on Monday morning next.

A letter from Mr. Thomas Janse, collector of the Customs at Lime Regis, dated the 14th of the last month, signifying there was but one ship went from thence to Newfoundland between Christmas, 1707, and Christmas, 1708, was read.

March 4. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

A letter to the Earl of Sunderland, upon a reference from his lordship of the 21st of the last month [*fo.* 30], relating to the exportation of corn to Spain and Portugal &c., as directed the 2nd instant, was signed.

Sir John Bennet and Mr. Jones attending [*fo.* 32, 68], in relation to the hearing of the Bermuda complaints appointed for the 7th instant, they were acquainted that their lordships could not then hear the same, by reason that the African business was to be heard at the House of Commons that day, and therefore desired them to think of a proper day, with regard to the circuits; whereupon, after some discourse, their lordships agreed that they would hear the said complaints on Monday, the 2nd of May next.

Mr. Van Ryssen and another gentleman attending [*fo.* 30], the said Van Ryssen's petition, mentioned in the minutes of the 28th of the last month, was read; setting forth that he intended to send a ship from the River Hever in Holstein to North Britain, there to buy fish of her Majesty's subjects, without going on shore; that the said ship was to carry no goods but salt and cask, to cure and pack the said fish &c.; and thereupon praying for her Majesty's pass to sail &c. with goods and merchandizes not contraband. Whereupon their lordships observing that the prayer of the said petition is not agreeable to what is set forth in the first part thereof, they ask'd Mr. Van Ryssen several questions, unto which he said that he did not intend to carry any other goods than salt and cask as aforesaid, and that the words in the prayer were put in without

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*Letter to the
Earl of Sunderland.*

Jamaica.
*Letter from Sir John
Cook.
Opinion about seizure
of a brigantine.*

New Hampshire.
*Memorial from Mr.
Vaughan.
Supply of men and
small arms.*

Newfoundland.
*Letter from Custome
House officer of Lime
Regis.*

Trade.
*Letter to the
Earl of Sunderland.
Exportation of corn.*

Bermuda.
*Hearing between Col.
Bennet and Mr. Jones
adjourn'd.*

Trade.
*Mr. Van Ryssen &c.
Pass for a foreign
ship to sail to the
coast of Scotland for
fish.*

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*Letter to the
Earl of Sunderland.*

*Mr. Diharse about
his petition.
Pass for a Spanish
ship.*

*Letter to the
Earl of Sunderland.*

*Letter from Mr.
Secretary Boyle with
memorial from
Monsieur Bonnet.
Trade with Neufchattel.*

any design of carrying anything else. But their lordships making some further difficulties thereupon, they said that they would wave their petition and sail without a pass, as they have several times formerly done. Whereupon their lordships gave directions for preparing a letter to the Earl of Sunderland upon this matter.

Mr. Diharse attending [fo. 30], his petition mentioned in the minutes of the 28th of the last month, was again read, praying for her Majesty's pass for a Spanish ship to sail from Bilboa or any other port in Spain with the goods and manufactures of that kingdom to Newfoundland or New England &c. Whereupon Mr. Diharse being acquainted that his prayer was directly contrary to the Act of Navigation, he said he desired to wave his petition, and would not proceed any further therein. He being withdrawn, their lordships gave directions [fo. 41] for preparing a letter to acquaint the Earl of Sunderland therewith.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Boyle of the 28th of the last month [fo. 41], referring to the Board a memorial from Monsieur Bonnet, resident from the King of Prussia, proposing the importation of wines from Neufchattel into this kingdom, was read; and their lordships agreed to take the same into consideration on Monday morning next.

March 7. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

*Trade.
to Neufchattel.*

*Monsieur Bonnet's
memorial.*

*Letter to Mr. Secretary
Boyle.*

Upon consideration of Mr. Secretary Boyle's letter of the 28th of the last month [fo. 40, 48], referring to this Board the memorial of Monsieur Bonnet, proposing a trade between this kingdom and Neufchattel mentioned in the minutes of the 4th instant, their lordships signed a letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle, acquainting him that they should be glad to confer with Monsieur Bonnet one day next week, touching the said proposal.

March 10. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

*Trade.
Letter to the
Earl of Sunderland.
Passes.*

A letter to the Earl of Sunderland [fo. 40] upon a reference from his lordship of the 20th of the last month, relating to two passes, the one for a ship to sail from Holstein to North Britain, the other from Bilboa to the Plantations, as directed the 4th instant, was signed.

*Jamaica.
Letter to the Governor.
Escheats.*

A letter to Brigadier Handasyd, Governor of Jamaica, inclosing her Majesty's instructions touching escheats and forfeitures, was signed.

*Virginia.
Letter to Col. Jennings.*

Patenting lands.

A letter to Colonel Jennings, President of the Council of Virginia, inclosing her Majesty's instructions [fo. 5] relating to the method of patenting of lands in that colony, was signed.

March 11. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

*Newfoundland.
Mr. Campbell
desiring perusal of
papers.*

Mr. Campbell attending, and desiring the perusal of several papers presented by him and others to their lordships, relating to Newfoundland in the years 1702 and 1703; ordered that he have the perusal of the said papers accordingly.

A letter from the Lords Proprietors of Carolina of the 7th instant, in answer to one writ them the 27th of January last [M. fo. 418], relating to the boundaries between that province and the colony of Virginia, acquainting this Board that they have appointed John Lawson and Edward Mosely, esquires, to be their commissioners for surveying the lands in dispute, and for settling and ascertaining the bounds between the said province and Virginia; as also that, if any dispute should arise in the determination of the said bounds, they were willing to submit the same to her Majesty's determination, was read; and directions given [fo. 44] for preparing the draught of a representation thereupon.

Their lordships, taking into consideration the memorial from Captain Henry Baker [fo. 6], relating to his proceedings for preventing the exportation of wooll from the coasts of Kent and Sussex, from the 20th of November, 1707, to the 4th of February, last, read the same day, and comparing the same with a former memorial presented to the Board by the said Baker the 21st November, 1707, upon the like subject, it does appear to their lordships that the practice of the owling trade does continue to be much the same as it was at that time.

March 14. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

A representation relating to the settling and ascertaining the boundaries between the colony of Virginia and the province of Carolina [fo. 43, 72], as directed at the last meeting, was signed.

March 15. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter from Mr. Blathwayt, one of the clerks of her Majesty's Council, desiring to know the names of the present Councillors in Jamaica, and where they may be supposed to be now residing, was read, and directions given for returning an answer thereto.

Their lordships, taking into consideration paragraph D of Colonel Dudley's letter of the 27th of May, 1708 [M. fo. 327] (read the 10th of November last), relating to the difficulty he meets with in getting a quorum of the Council in New Hampshire to attend the service of that Board &c., a representation [fo. 73] proposing that Mark Hunkins and Thomas Packer, esquires, may be constituted members of the said Council in the room of George Jaffrey and Henry Dow, deceased, was signed.

Their lordships, being informed that Mr. David White, agent at Bruges for the merchants trading from hence to that city, was able to give a good account of the state of the trade there, ordered [fo. 67] that the secretary do write to the said White, desiring him to give an account of the state of the trade in those parts in general, and if he conceives any advantages may be made by improving the said trade, or by removing any obstructions or difficulties it lies under, that he gives their lordships as particular account thereof as possible for their consideration.

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Carolina.
*Letter from Lords
Proprietors.
Boundaries between
that province and
Virginia.*

*Representation
thereupon.*
Trade.
*Capt. Baker's memo-
rial.*
*Owling trade with
France.*

Virginia.
Carolina.
*Representation about
settling of boundaries.*

Jamaica.
*Letter from Mr.
Blathwayt to know
the names of the
present counsellors &c.*

New Hampshire.

*Representation
proposing two coun-
sellors.*

Trade
with Bruges.
Letter to Mr. White.

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*Letter to
Dr. Davenant.
Naval stores
imported.*

Ordered that a letter be writ to Dr. Davenant, Inspector General of her Majesty's Customes [fo. 51], for an account of naval stores imported into this kingdom from Christmas, 1706, to Christmas, 1708.

March 16. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

Barbadoes.
*Certificate from the
Council Office upon*

*An Act about clerks
and marshals of the
Courts in Barbadoes.*

*Representation on
Mr. Gordon's petition.*

**New York.
New England.**
Naval stores.

*Letters to the Lord
Lovelace and Col.
Dudley.*

A certificate from Mr. Blathwayt, dated the 14th instant, signifying that it does not appear by the Councill books that an Act past in Barbadoes the 5th of September, 1667 [fo. 34, 121], intituled *An Act declaring how the clerks and marshals of the Courts of Common Pleas within this island shall be appointed, and what fees they shal receive*, was ever confirmed or repealed by the Crown, was read, and directions given [fo. 34, 47] for finishing the draught of the representation on Mr. Gordon's petition mentioned in the minutes of the 2nd instant.

Their lordships taking into consideration the letters and papers in this office transmitted by the late Earl of Bellomont when Governor of New York and New England, relating to the production of naval stores in those provinces, ordered [fo. 52] that letters be prepared to the Lord Lovelace, and to Colonel Dudley, desiring them to give their lordships an account of what shal occur to them concerning the said stores, with their opinion what methods will be most proper for the further promoting the production of those commodities in the Plantations, and also for preserving the masts and timber in those parts.

March 18. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

Barbadoes.
*Representation on
the petition of Mr.
Gordon.*

Trade.
*Monsieur Bonet upon
his memorial about
importing wines from
Neufchatel.*

Their lordships took into consideration the draught of a representation upon the petition of Mr. George Gordon, Provost Marshal General of Barbadoes [fo. 46, 49], and made a progress therein.

Monsieur Bonnet, resident from the King of Prussia, attending, his memorial, which was read the 4th instant [fo. 41, 49], relating to the importation of wines of Neufchatel into this kingdom, was again read; and he being asked several questions in relation to that matter, he said that in times of peace the said wines might be brought hither all by water carriage, but that in time of war the transport would be more difficult, for that the said wines must be carried by land to Franckfort; that as to the prime cost of the said wine, he believed it might be about 3*d.* or 4*d.* a quart; that he was informed the people of Neufchatel had drawn up a scheme and a proposal for carrying on of this trade, which they had delivered to the Governor of that place; but Monsieur Bonet, not having seen the said scheme, and having only directions from the King of Prussia to present the abovementioned memorial, he was not able to give particular answers in relation to the quantities of wine that might be imported from thence, or to the quantities of our woollen and other manufactures they might take in lieu of the said wines, and to several other particulars which their lordships had inquired of; and therefore he desired he might have in writing such queries as their lordships thought proper, which he would

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send to Berlin, and doubted not but in a short time to receive particular answers thereunto. Monsieur Bonet being withdrawn, their lordships resolved on Monday next to take the same into consideration.

March 21. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

Their lordships again taking into consideration the memorial from Monsieur Bonet [*fo.* 48] (mentioned in the minutes of the 18th instant), agreed to several queries relating to the importation of wines from Neufchattel to this kingdom, and ordered [*fo.* 50] that the same be sent to the said Monsieur Bonet for his answer thereto.

Their lordships also took into consideration the draught of a representation upon the petition of Mr. Gordon [*fo.* 47, 51], mentioned in the aforesaid minutes, and made a further progress therein.

Copy of an Order of Council of the 3rd instant, upon a representation of the 22nd of the last month [*fo.* 25, 52], proposing the repeal of *An Act* past at New York for regulating and preventing the corruption of the currant coin, approving the said representation, was read, and the originals, which are in the office, ordered to be sent to the Lord Lovelace.

March 23. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter from Mr. Carkasse, inclosing an account of the several duties payable here, upon the importation of Rhenish wine by the subjects of this kingdom and by foreigners, was read, and the secretary acquainted their lordships that he had sent a copy thereof [*fo.* 49] in his letter directed to be writ to Mr. Bonet the 21st instant.

Ordered that the secretary do write to Doctor Davenant [*fo.* 9, 53], to acquaint him that unless he do deliver to this Board some day the next week the account desired by their lordships the 7th of February last, of the value of goods exported to and from Portugal, &c., they shall be obliged to make complaint thereof to the Lord High Treasurer; also that he be reminded of the account of naval stores &c. [*fo.* 46] desired by the secretary's letter of the 16th instant.

Their lordships again took into consideration the draught of a representation upon the petition of Mr. Gordon, provost marshal of Barbadoes [*fo.* 49, *vide infra*], mentioned in the minutes of the 21st instant, and agreed, and ordered the same to be transcribed.

March 24. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

A representation upon the petition of Mr. Gordon, provost marshal of Barbadoes [*vide supra*, *fo.* 238], agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

The draught of a letter to the Lord Lovelace, relating to naval stores, and inclosing an Order of Council of the 3rd instant [*fo.* 50], repealing an Act past at New York about coin &c., mentioned in the minutes of the 21st ditto, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Trade
to Neufchattel.
Queries about importation of wine.

Barbadoes.
Representation on the petition of Mr. Gordon.

New York.
Order of Council repealing an Act about coin.

Trade.
Letter from Mr. Carkasse.
Duties on Rhenish wine.

Letter to Dr. Davenant.
Portugal.
Imports and exports

Naval stores.

Barbadoes.
Representation on Mr. Gordon's petition.

Barbadoes.
Representation on Mr. Gordon's petition.

New York.
New Jersey.
Letter to Lord Lovelace about naval stores and coin.

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New England.
Letter to Col. Dudley
about naval stores.

The like draught of a letter to Colonel Dudley, relating to naval stores [*fo.* 47, *vide infra*], was also agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

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New Jersey.
New York.
New England.
Letters to the
Governors.
Naval stores.

March 28, 1709. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

The letters to the Lord Lovelace and Colonel Dudley [*vide supra*], agreed at the last meeting, were now signed.

New Hampshire.
Letter from Mr.
Usher.

A letter from Mr. Usher, Lieutenant Governor of New Hampshire, dated the 21st of December last, relating to an allarm of the French, was read.

March 30. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

Trade.
Dr. Davenant.

Doctor Davenant attending [*fo.* 51], presented to their lordships an account of exports and imports to and from Portugal from Christmas, 1706, to Christmas, 1707, and promised to bring their lordships an account of the imports of naval stores for the said time, on Monday next.

Portugal
exports and imports.

Letter to Mr. Savage.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Savage, secretary to the Commissioners of her Majesty's Customs [*fo.* 58], for an account of the price of corn in the out ports of this kingdom, for an account of exports and imports to and from Portugal from Christmas, 1707, to Christmas, 1708, as likewise for an account of naval stores, including the out ports, for the same time.

Price of corn.
Portugal
exports and imports.
Naval stores.

March 31. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton.

The account of incident charges of this office from Christmas, 1708, to Lady Day, 1709, were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

Miscellanies.
Incident accounts.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
The secretary's account of petty expences, amounting to	14	17	2
The stationer's account, amounting to	16	5	2
The post officer's account, amounting to	37	6	6
In all	68	8	10

Letter to the Lord
High Treasurer.
Salaries.

And a letter to the Lord High Treasurer, to desire the payment thereof, as also of the salaries due to this office, was signed.

April 4. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

New York.
Letter from the Lord
Lovelace.

A letter from the Lord Lovelace, Governor of New York, dated the 18th of December, 1708, giving an account of his passage thither, was read.

Jamaica.
Letter from the
Governor.

A letter from Brigadier Handasyd, Governor of Jamaica, dated the first of February, 1708½ [*fo.* 59], together with an account of prizes taken and brought into that island, were read.

An Order of Council of the 31st of the last month, directing this Board to propose to her Majesty the names of two persons to be members of her Majesty's Council in Jamaica, was read; whereupon ordered [*fo.* 56, 60] that Mr. Richard Lloyd have notice to attend the Board on Wednesday morning next.

April 6. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

Mr. Richard Lloyd attending [*fo.* 55], according to appointment, the Order of Council of the 31st of the last month, directing this Board to propose to her Majesty the names of two persons to be members of her Majesty's Council of Jamaica, mentioned in the minutes of the 4th instant, was again read; and Mr. Lloyd being asked, if he knew any persons in that island fitly qualified to be of the said Council, he said that Major John Cossley, Captain John Carver, and Francis March were persons fit to serve her Majesty in that station, and the said Lloyd being withdrawn, ordered that Sir Gilbert Heathcote have notice to attend the Board to-morrow morning upon the same subject.

A letter from Mr. Penn of this day's date, desiring that he may have copies of such letters and directions in this office, as have been given in relation to the settling the boundaries between the provinces of Pennsylvania and Maryland, was read; whereupon ordered that he have copies thereof accordingly.

Order of Council of the 31st of the last month, referring to this Board the petition of Alexander Skene, esquire, secretary of Barbadoes, to her Majesty [*fo.* 20, 60], complaining of several incroachments upon his said office; and praying redress therein, was read; and directions given that Mr. Fullerton have notice to attend the Board on Monday morning next; and that he then come prepared to make good the allegations set forth in the said petition.

A letter from the Earl of Sunderland of yesterday's date [*fo.* 62], referring to the Board the petition of Sir William Hodges to her Majesty, praying for a pass for the Marquis de Preu and his family, who is going Governor to Carthage, and another pass for the ship on board which the said Marquis shall take his passage thither, was read; whereupon ordered that Sir William Hodges have notice to attend the Board on Monday morning next.

An Order of Council of the 31st of the last month, referring to this Board the address and petition of the merchants and inhabitants of Antegoa &c., together with 22 articles of complaint against Colonel Parke, Governor of the Leeward Islands [*fo.* 63, 148], was read; whereupon ordered that the complainants have notice to attend the Board on Wednesday morning next.

A letter from Mr. Dummer of the first instant, inclosing the copy of a letter from Mr. William Bignal, dated at Kingston in Jamaica, the 17th of January last, relating to the trade in the West Indies, was read; and directions given that in the next letter to be writ to Brigadier Handasyd, he be writ to thereupon.

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*Order of Council about
Councillors to hear
the appeal of Sir
Ch. Orbey.*

Jamaica.

*Mr. Lloyd.
Order of Council about
new counsellors for
that island.*

Pennsylvania.

*Letter from Mr.
Penn for copies of
papers about
boundaries &c.*

Barbadoes.

*Order of Council on
the petition of Mr.
Skene about incroach-
ments on his office.
Mr. Fullerton
summon'd.*

Trade.

*Reference from the
Earl of Sunderland
on the petition of Sir
William Hodges for
two passes.*

*Sir William Hodges
summoned.*

Leeward Islands.

*Order of Council
referring the com-
plaints against Col.
Park.*

Jamaica.

*Letter from Mr.
Dummer about trade in
the West Indies.
The Governor to be
writ to thereupon.*

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Trade.

Letter from Mr. Savage about price of corn and naval stores imported.

April 7. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.
A letter from Mr. Savage, of the first instant, in answer to one writ him the 31st of the last month [*fo.* 53], inclosing the following accounts, was read.

Account of the price of corn and grain in the out ports of this kingdom.

Account of naval stores imported into this kingdom from Christmas, 1706, to Christmas, 1707.

Jamaica.

Letter from the Governor to be answered.

Their lordships taking into consideration the letter from Brigadier Handasyd of the first of February last [*fo.* 55], read the 4th instant, gave directions for preparing an answer thereto.

Trade.

Letter from Mr. Daniel Pulteney about our trade to Denmark.

A letter from Daniel Pulteney, esquire, her Majesty's envoy at the Court of Denmark [*M. fo.* 238 ; *fo.* 67], in answer to one writ him the first of June last, relating to our trade in those parts, was read ; whereupon ordered that Mr. Gold, and other merchants trading to the East country, and the Baltic, have notice to attend the Board on Thursday morning next.

Merchants to attend.

April 8. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

Jamaica.
Representation about new counsellors.

A representation upon an Order of Councill of the 31st of the last month [*fo.* 55], mentioned in the minutes of the 4th instant, relating to counsellors for Jamaica, was signed.

April 11. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

Barbadoes.
Mr. Fullerton &c. Petition of Mr. Skene, secretary of Barbadoes.

Mr. Fullerton, with Major Woodbridge, Mr. Mein and Mr. Walters attending, Mr. Skene's petition, mentioned in the minutes of the 6th instant [*fo.* 57, 63], was again read ; and these gentlemen being asked several questions, Mr. Fullerton said that he was in Barbadoes in Colonel Stead's government : that the then deputy secretary acted as publick and private secretary. When Colonel Kendal was Governor, the then secretary did the same, but that he gave the Governor 150 or 200*l.* per annum, that he might not be made uneasy in the place of private secretary ; that the succeeding Governors have all done the same, exacting more or less from the private secretary ; that Mr. Crow did receive 400*l.* for one year from the petitioner, who, finding he lost considerably by it, would not pay it any longer ; whereupon Mr. Crow appointed Arthur Upton his private secretary, and has given him, and taken from the petitioner, the business of letters of administration, letters of guardianship, letters testamentary, warrants of appraisements to appraise estates, licences for marriage, warrants to survey lands, drawing protests as notary publick, warrants to summon evidence &c., all which are allowed the publick secretary by an Act of that island past 1670 (*Book of Printed Laws, fo.* 97). The other gentlemen said in substance the same as Mr. Fullerton had done. They being withdrawn, ordered that Mr. Rowland Tryon have notice to attend the Board on Wednesday morning next.

Mr. Tryon summon'd.

Sir William Hodges attending, his petition mentioned in the minutes of the 6th instant [*fo.* 57], praying for two passes, the one for the Marquis de Preu and his son, the other for the ship that shall carry him to his Government of Carthegena, was again read, and Sir William being asked what advantage would accrue to any of her Majesty's subjects by this; he said that 'tis probable some quantities of British goods would be sent to the Spanish West Indies in this ship; and that the Marquis de Preu will in all probability be a friend to us in our trade from Jamaica to Carthegena, and on that coast. Sir William added that he did not insist on a pass for the ship to come back. He being withdrawn, their lordships gave directions [*fo.* 64] for preparing the draught of a representation thereupon.

April 13. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

Mr. Tryon attending, according to appointment, he was acquainted with the substance of Mr. Skene's petition to her Majesty [*fo.* 60, 66], mentioned in the minutes of the 11th instant, and being asked if he had anything to offer in behalf of Mr. Crow, he said that the Governor had writ to him that he had removed the petitioner from being his private secretary, but had not given him any instructions to appear in that matter; and being withdrawn, their lordships gave directions for preparing the draught of a representation thereupon.

A letter from the Earl of Sunderland, of yesterday's date [*fo.* 58, 148], inclosing some additional articles of complaint against Colonel Park, Governor of the Leeward Islands, was read.

Mr. Nevin and several other merchants trading to the Leeward Islands, attending upon the complaints against Colonel Park [*fo.* 66, 70], and being asked several questions in relation thereto, Mr. Nevin said that they were ready to produce all the proofs they have here to make good the allegations set forth in the said complaints, and desiring that the Governor may be obliged to come home to answer to the said complaints against him; they were acquainted that if they expected this should be done, it would be reasonable that then they give security to indemnify him, the said Governor, in case he should clear himself from the said accusations, otherwise the articles of complaints must be transmitted to him for his answer; whereupon these gentlemen said they would consider of it, and give their lordships an answer in writing on Fryday next.

The draught of a letter to the Earl of Sunderland upon the petition of Sir William Hodges [*fo.* 62, 66], praying for two passes, the one for the Marquis de Preu and his son, the other for the ship that shall carry him to his Government of Carthegena, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

April 14. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter from the Earl of Sunderland, of the 6th instant, inclosing the copy of a letter from Brigadier Handasyd, dated the 6th of August last, recommending Mr. William Broderick and Mr. Francis

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Trade.

*Sir William Hodges
about his petition for
passes for the Marquis
de Preu.*

*Representation
thereupon.*

Barbadoes.

*Mr. Tryon.
Skene's petition.*

*Representation
thereupon.*

Leeward Islands.

*Letter from the
Earl of Sunderland.
Additional
complaints against
Col. Parke.
Merchants about the
said complaints.*

Trade.

*Letter to the
Earl of Sunderland.
Sir William Hodges'
petition.
Passes.*

Jamaica.

*Letter from the
Earl of Sunderland
about two new
counsellors.*

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*Papers relating to
one of them to be
lookt out.*

Newfoundland.
*Letter from Mr.
Burchet about heads
of enquiry.
Answer.*

Trade.
*Letter to Earl of Sun-
derland about passes
for Marquis de Preu.*

Barbadoes.
*Draught of representa-
tion on complaints of
Mr. Skene agreed.*

Barbadoes.
*Representation on
Mr. Skene's petition.*

Leeward Islands.
*Letter from the
Earl of Sunderland
with petition against
Col. Parke.*

Trade.
*Governor or Deputy
Governor of Eastland
Company summonsd.*

*Letter from Mr.
White at Bruges about
state of trade there.*

*Answer to be
return'd.*

Oldfeild to be members of the Council of Jamaica &c., was read ; whereupon ordered that the papers and objections to Mr. Broderick's being of the said Council, formerly lodged in this office, be laid before the Board on Monday morning next.

A letter from Mr. Burchet, of yesterday's date, desiring to know if this Board have any heads of enquiry to be made at Newfoundland this year [fo. 126], was read. Whereupon ordered that an answer be writ to Mr. Burchet to acquaint him, for the information of the Lord High Admiral, that while we were in possession of that place, their lordships thought it necessary that yearly heads of enquiry should be given to the Commodore of the convoy ; but not knowing in what condition or circumstances our settlements there may be in since the surprizing of St. John's by the French, their lordships do not see what proper queries can be framed, but that however they do think it will be of service, that the Commodore do transmit to them the best accounts he can get of the trade of this year, and of the state he shall find the island in.

A letter to the Earl of Sunderland, on the petition of Sir William Hodges [fo. 64], for two passes for the Marquis de Preu &c., as agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

The draught of a representation upon the petition of Mr. Skene, secretary of Barbadoes [fo. 63, *vide infra*], complaining of several incroachments on his office, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

April 18. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

A representation upon the petition of Mr. Skene, secretary of Barbadoes, to her Majesty [*vide supra*, fo. 238], complaining of several incroachments on his office there, agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

A letter from the Earl of Sunderland, of the 15th instant [fo. 63, 148], inclosing a petition to her Majesty from several merchants at Bristol trading to Antego, complaining of Colonel Park's conduct in the government of the Leeward Islands, was read.

Upon consideration of the letter from Mr. Daniel Pulteney, her Majesty's Envoy at Copenhagen [fo. 59, 204], mentioned in the minutes of the 7th instant ; ordered [fo. 79] that the Governor or Deputy Governor of the Eastland Company have notice to attend the Board on Wednesday, the 4th day of May next.

A letter from Mr. Daniel White, merchant at Bruges, of the 17th instant, n.s., to the secretary [fo. 45, 259], in answer to one writ him the 18th of the last month, for a state of the trade in that city, and how the same may be improved, together with a memorial delivered by the said White to Mr. Laws at Bruxells, touching the magistrates at Bruges refusing to permit the sale of tann'd leather &c., there imported from this kingdom, were read ; and directions given for preparing an answer thereunto.

April 19. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton.

A letter from Brigadier Handasyd, Governor of Jamaica, dated the 2nd of August, 1708, was read.

A letter to Brigadier Handasyd, was agreed [*fo. 69*], and ordered to be transcribed.

The secretary acquainting the Board that Melchior Giles, one of the poor Lutherans [*M. fo. 309*], who came the last year from Germany, and who had leave (when the others went to New York) to stay behind on account of his wife's illness, was now desirous to proceed with his children on his voyage on board of a merchantman bound thither, his wife being dead; a letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle, acquainting him therewith, and desiring him to lay the same before her Majesty, that her pleasure therein may be signified to the Navy Board for the transportation of the said Giles and his children in like manner, as was done for those that went along with the Lord Lovelace, was signed.

April 21. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

Ordered that Sir John Bennet and Mr. Jones be acquainted [*fo. 38, 70*] that their lordships having something to propose to them which they beleive will put the examination of the complaints from Bermuda into the best and most expeditious method, desire to speak with them thereupon on Monday, the 2nd of May next.

A letter to Brigadier Handasyd, Governor of Jamaica [*fo. 68, 167*], agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

May 2. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

A letter from the Earl of Sunderland of the 21st of the last month, referring to this Board the extract of a letter from Mr. Chetwynd, her Majesty's envoy at Turin [*fo. 418*], relating to a trade between this kingdom and the territories of the Duke of Savoy, was read; whereupon ordered [*fo. 77, 78*] that the Governor or Deputy Governor and some of the members of the Lustring Company, as likewise some of the merchants trading to Italy, have notice to attend the Board on Wednesday morning next.

Sir John Bennet and Mr. Jones attending [*fo. 68, 85*], as they were directed the 21st of the last month, their lordships proposed to them the hearing only of the most material articles of the complaints from Bermuda, and postponing the others of less moment, as the best method for coming to a speedy determination of the said complaints, but Mr. Jones desiring that their lordships would hear the whole, they appointed Monday morning next for entring upon the hearing thereof accordingly.

Mr. William Nevin attending [*fo. 63, 92*], presented to their lordships a memorial containing a list of depositions, as also other papers, in proof of some of the articles of complaint against Colonel Park, Governor of the Leeward Islands, the titles whereof are as follows, vizt. :

Abstracts of the petitions to the Queen from the merchants of London, Bristol and Liverpool, and from the inhabitants

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Letter

from the Governor.

Jamaica.

Letter to Brigadier

Handasyd.

New York.

Melchior Giles about
his passage.

Letter to Mr. Secretary
Boyle thereupon.

Bermuda.

Sir John Bennet and
Mr. Jones summon'd.

Jamaica.

Letter

to the Governor.

Trade.

Letter from the
Earl of Sunderland
about a trade to Turin.

Italian merchants
summon'd.

Bermuda.

Sir John Bennet and
Mr. Jones about
complaints.

The said complaints
to be
heard on Monday.

Leeward Islands.

Mr. Nevin about
complaints against
Col. Parke.

Proofs relating
thereto.

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of the Island of Antigua, against Daniel Parke, esquire, Governor of the Leeward Islands, complaining of his male administration, and also of 22 articles signed by the said inhabitants of Antigua against said Parke and some additional articles, being further particulars of the general charge against him of male administration.

An abstract of depositions and other papers relating to the complaints against Colonel Parke, Governor of the Leeward Islands.

An abstract of the minutes of the Council and Assembly of Antigua from November 28th, 1707, to June the 14th, 1708.

A reference to the pages of the Minutes of the Assembly of Antigua which relate to the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th and 9th articles of complaint against Colonel Parke.

And a general reference of the depositions and papers against Colonel Parke to the articles of complaint to which they respectively relate.

Some particulars humbly offer'd to the consideration of the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations in relation to the complaints against Colonel Parke.

And a proposal thereon.

A draught of the conditions of the bonds proposed to be entred into for the indemnification of Colonel Parke, if acquitted by her Majesty of the complaints against him.

Which memorial together with the papers mark'd No. 5 were read, and their lordships agreeing to communicate the paper mark'd No. 6 to Mr. Micajah Perry [fo. 75], to know if he has any objections thereto, ordered that he have notice to attend the Board thereupon to-morrow morning.

*Mr. Perry
summon'd.*

Trade.

*Order of Council on
representation rela-
ting to the sale of
leather at Bruges.*

Copy of an Order of Council of the 3rd of March last upon a representation of the 2nd ditto [fo. 33], upon the memorial of the merchants trading to Bruges, relating to the sale of tanned leather and calves' skins in that city, approving the same, and directing the Earl of Sunderland to signify her Majesty's pleasure to her Minister at Bruxells, that he use his best endeavours there for the taking off the prohibition of selling the said leather &c., was read.

Carolina. Virginia.

*Order of Council on
representation about
boundaries &c.*

Copy of an Order of Council of the 31st of March last [fo. 44], upon a representation of the 14th ditto relating to the ascertaining and settling the boundaries between Carolina and Virginia, approving the same, and directing the Lord High Treasurer to give directions to the Commander in Chief of Virginia to issue out of her Majesty's revenue there a summe for defraying the charges of two Commissioners to be appointed on the part of Virginia, to settle the said boundaries in conjunction with those of Carolina, was read.

*and Commissioners to
settle the same.*

*Order of Council on
same representation
about charge of the
said Commissioners.*

Copy of another Order of Council of the same date [fo. 44], upon part of the same representation, approving thereof, and directing the Earl of Sunderland to prepare letters mandatory to the Commander in Chief of Virginia &c., to issue out a commission to two Commissioners [fo. 228] to act in conjunction with those in Carolina, for settling the boundaries between that colony and Carolina, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council, of the 31st of March last [M. fo. 354], upon a representation of the 3rd of December, 1708, proposing Mr. Timothy Salter to be a member of her Majesty's Council of Barbadoes in the room of Mr. Patrick Meine, who will return no more thither, approving the same, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council, of the same date, upon a representation of the 15th ditto [fo. 45], proposing Mr. Mark Hunkins and Mr. Thomas Packer to be members of her Majesty's Council of New Hampshire, approving the same, was read.

A letter from Mr. Crow, Governor of Barbadoes, dated the 2nd of March last, was read, and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

Copy of Mr. Crow's letter to the Board of Ordnance, inclosing a list of the ammunition and stores in the magazine in Barbadoes.

Account of the Ordnance stores in the several divisions in Barbadoes.

A list of stores in the magazine and batterys in Barbadoes.

Proceedings of the Grand Jury in Barbadoes against

Mr. Alexander and William Walker relating to Mr. Lillington. Minutes of Council from the 30th of August to the 22nd of December, 1708.

Minutes of Council of Barbadoes of the 6th and 8th of January, 1708.

Minutes of the Assembly of Barbadoes from the 31st August, 1708, to the 15th February, 1708.

Naval officers' list of ships in Barbadoes from the 25th September, 1708, to the 24th of December following, inclusive.

Four Acts past in Barbadoes in January and February, 1708.

May 3. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

Mr. Micajah Perry attending, as directed yesterday [fo. 72, 91], the draught of a bond for indemnifying Colonel Park his costs and charges, if her Majesty shall think fit to call him over to answer the complaints against him, was delivered to Mr. Perry, that he may advise with Council upon the validity thereof.

A letter from Colonel Jennings, President of the Council of Virginia, of the 27th November, 1708 [M. fo. 111], in answer to one writ him the 15th of April foregoing, relating to negroes brought thither from Africa &c., and the papers therein referr'd to were read, the said papers are as follows, vizt. :

Number of negroes imported into Virginia from Africa, by the way of Barbadoes, from June, 1699, to October, 1708.

Number of negroes imported into Virginia directly from Africa, from June, 1699, to October, 1708.

A second letter from Colonel Jennings, of the same date, and the papers therewith transmitted, were read, which papers are as follows, vizt. :

The Council of Virginia's answer to several enquiries contained in a letter from this Board to Colonel Hunter, dated the 7th May, 1707.

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Barbadoes.

Order of Council
approving Mr. Salter
to be of the Council.

New Hampshire.

Order of Council for
two new counsellors.

Barbadoes.

Letter from Mr. Crow.

Papers therein
referr'd to.

Leeward Islands.

Mr. Perry about
bond to indemnify
Col. Park.

Virginia.

Letter from Col.
Jennings about negroes.

Papers therein
referr'd to.

Virginia.

Letter from Col.
Jennings.

Papers of publick
proceedings.

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Copy of a memorial from the Governor of William and Mary College in Virginia, to Colonel Jennings relating to goods seized by the governments of Carolina, with the opinion of the Council thereupon.

List of the present Council of Virginia, as also of persons fit to supply vacancies therein.

List of the militia in the several counties of Virginia, 1708.

Whereupon directions were given for preparing answers thereunto.

Answer to be prepared.

Virginia.

Letter to Mr. Lowndes about Acts for settling ports and towns.

Ordered that the secretary do write to Mr. Lownds to move the Lord High Treasurer that their lordships may have the opinion of the Commissioners of her Majesty's Customes upon an Act past in Virginia [fo. 276], for settling of towns, ports, wharfs, and keys (exclusive of others) for the lading and unlading of ships, which was transmitted to Mr. Lownds, the 4th of December, 1706.

Newfoundland.
Memorial from Capt. Moody about future government of Newfoundland.

A memorial from Captain Moody [fo. 299], touching several matters relating to the future government of Newfoundland, was read. Whereupon their lordships agreed to take the same into consideration at a convenient opportunity.

May 4. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

Miscellanies.
Letter from the Earl of Sunderland about settling some poor German Protestants.

A letter from the Earl of Sunderland, of yesterday's date, signifying that some hundreds of poor German Protestants are lately come, and that more are coming from the Palatinate to this kingdom, and directing this Board to consider of a method for settling the said Germans in some part of this kingdom, was read; whereupon ordered [fo. 82] that some of the Lutheran ministers in the Savoy have notice to attend the Board to-morrow morning.

Lutheran ministers to attend.

Trade.

Lustring company about trade to Savoy proposed by Mr. Chetwind.

Two of the members of the Lustring Company attending [fo. 69], as directed the 2nd instant, the extract of Mr. Chetwyn's letter relating to a trade between this kingdom and the territories of the Duke of Savoy, mentioned in the minutes of the 2nd instant, was read. And they being asked several questions thereupon, they said that the only silk used by them for making lustrings and alamodes was Piemont silk; that the Company import about 100 bales of that silk a year; that the whole imported either for Spittle Fields or other silk manufactures was about 500 bales a year; that it is brought from Turin to Holland over land; that this proposal of Mr. Chetwynd's might turn to the advantage of this kingdom if the high duties payable on our woollen manufactures at Turin were moderated, and brought to a levell with those payable on French woollen manufactures, in which case our exports thither might be made by the way of Nice. These gentlemen then desired that they might have a copy of Mr. Chetwynd's proposal for their further consideration [fo. 69, 123], and promised to bring their lordships their opinion thereupon in writing.

Copy of the said proposal to be given them for their answer.

Trade.

Italian merchants upon the said proposal of a trade to Turin.

Mr. John Mead and several other Italian merchants attending [fo. 69], the said extract of Mr. Chetwynd's letter was again read, and, being asked several questions, they said that they were not then

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prepared or able to answer the particulars therein mentioned, and therefore desired to have a copy thereof, that they might consider the same, and lay their answer thereupon before their lordships in writing. Whereupon ordered that the same be sent them accordingly, and that they be further desired to let their lordships have an account of the duties laid upon our British draperies at Turin, as also an account of the duties payable on the French draperies there.

Then these gentlemen communicated to their lordships the heads of several hardships they laboured under in relation to the exportation of tin—the ill curing of pilchards—and the payment of seamen's wages in foreign parts, and, being desired, they promised to lay a full state of those matters before their lordships in writing.

The merchants trading to the East country and the Baltick also attending [fo. 67, 82], as directed the 18th of April last, part of the letter from Mr. Pulteney, her Majesty's envoy at Denmark, of the 6th of April last, relating to the conveniencies of consuls in Norway and at Elsinore [fo. 241], was read; whereupon they said that as they were not concerned in the trade to Norway, they had nothing to offer on that head, but as to the establishing a consul at Elsinore, they did not think it necessary, and had formerly presented some reasons against it to the Secretary of State, which they promised to communicate to their lordships.

Then another part of the above mentioned letter relating to the advantage the Hollanders have over the subjects of Great Britain in their trade to the Baltick [fo. 69, 81], by reason of their bringing authentick certificates of the particulars of their lading, was also read; and these gentlemen being ask'd several questions, they said that by the Treaty of Commerce between Holland and Denmark, the said certificates are allow'd to be valid, whereas our ships, carrying cockets only of their lading, which they deliver at Elsinore in order to their having a roll of their lading made up (some of which cockets may be concealed or mislaid), are liable to be searched, which often is a cause of their being detained there longer than the Hollanders, who by reason of their certificates are not detained by any further search.

These gentlemen being further ask'd if they did desire to have the like certificates as the Hollanders had for prevention of their being delayed, they said that they should be glad to have such certificates, if his Danish Majesty could be prevailed with to agree to it in the same manner as he now does to the Dutch; whereupon they were acquainted that, if they would concert that matter among themselves, and lay before their lordships what they should have to offer thereupon, that then their lordships would do all that in them lay for their ease and the benefit of that trade, and these gentlemen, the better to inable them to consider how the same may be done, desired that they might have extracts of the aforesaid letter [fo. 80, 205], as likewise a copy of the certificate annex'd thereto, in order to their laying their thoughts thereupon before this Board in writing, which was ordered to be sent them accordingly.

Copy thereof to be given for their answer, and for an account of the duties laid on British and French draperies there.

The said merchants communicate some hardships they lye under in relation to trade.

Trade.

Eastland merchants about consuls at Norway and Elsinore.

And about the advantages the Dutch have over the English in their trade to the Baltic &c.

Extract of Mr. Pulteney's letter and copy of a certificate to be given them for their answer.

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summon'd.***Pensylvania.***Order of Council
referring laws.***Miscellanies.***Lutheran minister
at the Board about
poor Germans.*

May 5. Present:—The Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

Their lordships taking into consideration what the Eastland merchants [*fo.* 79] said yesterday at the Board in relation to a consul's being established in Norway, ordered that some of the Norway merchants have notice to attend the Board on Tuesday morning next.

An Order of Council of the 28th of April last, referring to this Board [*fo.* 84] several Acts past in Pennsylvania in 1705, was read, and their lordships, taking the said laws into consideration, read 19 of them.

One of the Lutheran ministers attending, as directed yesterday [*fo.* 77, 84], and being asked several questions in relation to the poor German Protestants, mention'd in yesterday's minutes, he said that 300 men, women and children were already come over, that most of them were husbandmen, and some few joyners and carpenters; that they are poor and have nothing to subsist on but what is given them in charity, and are therefore threatned to be turn'd out of the house they are lodged in; he added that there were 700 more of the said poor Germans now at Rotterdam, who are expected over, and he promised to make a further enquiry into the circumstances of these poor people, and give their lordships an account thereof in writing as soon as possible.

May 6. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

A letter from Mr. Lowndes, desiring to know what accounts at any time have been sent to their lordships from Jamaica, concerning the galleon taken by Commodore Wager in the West Indies, for the information of my Lord High Treasurer, was read; and directions given for preparing an answer thereto.

Jamaica.*Letter from Mr.
Lowndes about galleon
taken by Capt. Wager.**Answer to be made.***Miscellanies.***Letter from the
Earl of Sunderland
about poor Germans.*

A letter from the Earl of Sunderland, signifying her Majesty's pleasure, that this Board do make enquiry into the number and condition of the poor German Protestants lately come from the Palatinate to this kingdom [*fo.* 82, 94], was read; and directions given for writing a letter to the Lutheran minister in the Savoy thereupon, that they do make such enquiry, and give their lordships an account thereof on Monday morning next.

An Order of Council of the 18th of April, 1709 [*fo.* 93], referring to this Board the petition of Richard Lloyd, praying that a negro slave belonging to him in Jamaica, and banish'd from that island on suspicion of having poisoned a negro child there, may receive her Majesty's pardon, was read.

Their lordships again took into consideration the laws past in Pennsylvania in 1705 [*fo.* 82, 106], mentioned in yesterday's minutes, and read five of the said laws.

Jamaica.*Order of Council on
the petition of Mr.
Lloyd about a negro
slave &c.***Pennsylvania.**
Laws.

May 9. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

Bermuda.

This day having been appointed to hear the complaints of the Assembly of Bermuda against Mr. Jones, secretary and provost

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*Hearing of complaints
of the Assembly
against Mr. Jones.*

marshall of that island [*fo. 70, 89*], Sir John Bennet and Mr. Nodin attended in behalf of the island, with Sir Thomas Parker and Sir Peter King, their council; and the said Jones, with Mr. Ayres, her Majesty's Solicitor General, and Mr. Phips, his council, attended on the other side. Then the Earl of Sunderland's letter of the 8th of December last, referring to this Board the petition from the Council, Assembly, Judges, Justices of the Peace, clergy, officers, both civil and military, and other the inhabitants of the Bermuda Islands, against Mr. Jones, which had been read the 13th of December last, was again read, as also an Order of Council of the 18th of August last, referring to the Board the petition of Mr. Jones, containing a charge against Colonel Bennet, Lieutenant Governor of that island.

Then the Council for the island entered upon the 19 articles, which had been exhibited against Mr. Jones by the General Assembly of that island, the 27th of June, 1701.

As to the first of the said articles, relating to Mr. Jones's not being qualified for the place of provost marshall by having no estate in the island, and by not having enter'd into recognizance, they waved the same.

In proof of the second, tenth, twelfth, and fifteenth articles, relating to Mr. Jones's extorting and exacting unreasonable fees [*Bun. H. No. 6, vide 55 and 56*], they produced a presentment from the Grand Jury at an Assize held in that island the 25th of February, 170½, setting forth that the said Jones, by colour of his office, had exacted and by extortion taken unreasonable fees from Mr. John Dickenson and others, together with the judgment of the Court thereupon [*ibid., vide 59*]. They also produced the affidavits of Samuel Spofferth (of which there are two) [*ibid., vide 7 and 31*], Anthony White, John Rawlins, and the foresaid John Dickinson [*ibid., No. 20, vide 9 and 5*], which affidavits confirmed the said four articles, and that the fees so extorted by Mr. Jones was contrary to an Act of Assembly, which does regulate what fees are to be taken.

In proof of the 3rd article, relating to Mr. Jones's ill usage of his prisoners, they produced the affidavits of Anthony White and Samuel Spofferth aforesaid [*Bun. H. No. 6, vide 7 and 20*], setting forth that the said Jones had deny'd bedding to be brought into his prisoners to lye on; as likewise his having restrained their liberty so far that they were obliged frequently to take their meat and drink under the prison door, and in at the windows thereof.

To the fourth, fifth and fourteenth articles, relating to Mr. Jones's imprisoning Colonel White and Mr. Thomas Smith, without a warrant, and to the laying of gun powder in the room where they were kept, they produced the affidavit of Anthony White, senior, and John Rawlins aforesaid [*ibid., vide 18 and 9*].

The counsell for the island waved offering any proof to the 6th article, relating to Mr. Jones's having declared upon oath that Thomas Smith did make an escape from him.

In proof of the seventh article, relating to perjury charged upon Mr. Jones, they produced the proceedings of a Court of Assize held in Bermuda on the 25th of February, 170½ [*ibid., vide 51*],

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whereby it appear'd that he was tried, convicted and fined for the said perjury.

To the eighth, ninth, thirteenth and nineteenth articles, relating to the violences used by Mr. Jones in the execution of his office, and to the abusive language to several persons in the island, they produced the presentment of the Grand Jury at the Assizes afore-said [*Bun. H. No. 6, vide 54, 56, 58 and 59*], together with the judgment of the Court thereupon, as likewise the aforementioned affidavit of Anthony White, senior [*vide 18*].

To the eleventh article relating to Mr. Jones's having served executions on Colonel White, granted by Gilbert Nelson, late Chief Justice, though he had no jurisdiction of the matter, they offered no proof.

In proof of the sixteenth article, relating to Mr. Jones's neglect of having ammunition in the castle, when he was commander thereof, they produced the foremention'd presentments [*ibid.*, *vide 54 and 59*], together with the judgment of the Court thereupon.

In proof of the 7th (*sic*) article, setting forth that Mr. Jones did act as one of the Council of Bermuda, whereby he was one of the Judges in Chancery, at the same time that he was provost marshall, they produced the affidavit of Samuel Sherlock [*vide 45*], deposing that being one of the Council of that island at the time Mr. Day was Governor, he knew the said Jones to be a member of the Council, and that he had acted in all the said places.

No proof was offer'd to the 18th article.

Then the counsel for the island rested it here, till Mr. Jones's Council had made their reply, but Mr. Eyres having been called away, and Mr. Jones desiring that their lordships would adjourn his answer till Mr. Ayres could be here, their lordships agreed to proceed further in this matter at eight of the clock to-morrow morning.

May 10. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

Sir John Bennet and Mr. Jones attending [*fo. 85, 92*], with the same counsell as yesterday, Mr. Jones's counsell entred upon his defence, and taking notice that part of the proofs to several of the articles against Mr. Jones, consisted of indictments and presentments from the Grand Jury at an Assize at Bermuda against the said Jones, and the judgments of the Courts thereupon; they offered to give proofs to invalidate those presentments and judgments; but the counsel on the other side objected thereunto, alledging that according to law, no averment against a matter of record ought to be admitted, whilst the said record remained in force, which is the present case; that Mr. Jones, if he had found himself aggrieved, might have proceeded in the regular way, by writ of error, to have had the said judgment reversed; and till that was done, the said judgments ought to be received as full evidence; to which Mr. Jones's counsel reply'd that he had several times petitioned the Governor for a writ of error, which was refused him, and they produced an affidavit of Mr. Nitchel to that purpose;

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Mr. Jones with their
counsel.

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but the counsel on the other side observed, from the copy of Mr. Jones's petition, that the prayer being for a writ of error to remove the cause before the Assembly, the Governor could not grant the same. And a debate arising thereupon between the Council on both sides, which continuing several hours, they were in the end ordered to withdraw, and their lordships agreed to represent this matter specially to her Majesty, for her pleasure whether their lordships shall hear what Mr. Jones's counsel have to offer against the validity of the said presentments and judgments, or whether the said Jones shall be concluded by that evidence; and in that case, whether her Majesty will not think fit to direct that writs of error be allow'd to the said Jones, that he may endeavour to get the said judgments reversed. The Council being thereupon called in again, they were acquainted with their lordships' resolution, whereupon they agreed to proceed no further at present, but to attend their lordships again on Wednesday, the 18th instant, at eight a clock in the morning.

Mr. Perry attending, with Sir Thomas Parker and Mr. Phips [fo. 75, 161], they acquainted their lordships that they had consider'd the draught of a bond to indemnify Colonel Park, presented to their lordships by Mr. Nevin, the second instant, and communicated to Mr. Perry the 3rd, and they were of opinion that the said bond would not by any means (as it was drawn) answer the end intended; however, if any bond for that purpose was to be given, it ought to be absolute and not conditional, and to be entred into here, and they desired that they might be heard, before their lordships took any final resolution in relation to the calling of Colonel Park over; which their lordships agreed to, and resolved on Thursday morning next to consider the proofs that Mr. Nevin left here the second instant, to see whether they be of sufficient weight to induce their lordships to report to her Majesty that Colonel Parke be sent for over to answer the articles exhibited against him.

Mr. Nevin attending [fo. 70, 96], was acquainted their lordships intended to consider on Thursday next, the proofs he laid before them the 2nd instant.

May 12. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton.

Their lordships taking into consideration the draught of a letter to the Earl of Sunderland upon the resolution of the Board on the hearing on Tuesday last of the complaints from the Council and Assembly of Bermuda, against Mr. Jones [fo. 89, 96], ordered that a copy of the said draught be sent to Sir Thomas Parker, counsel for the island, and Mr. Eyre, counsel for Mr. Jones [fo. 97], for their joint perusal, that, if they have anything to offer thereupon, they do the same in writing as soon as possible.

Colonel Lloyd attending, the Order of Council of the 18th of the last month [fo. 84], referring to this Board his petition to her Majesty, praying that a negro slave belonging to him in Jamaica, and banished from that island on suspicion of having poison'd a negro child there, may receive her Majesty's pardon (mentioned in the minutes of the 5th instant), was again read; and the said

Leeward Islands.

Mr. Perry with counsel about a bond proposed by Mr. Nevin to indemnify Col. Park upon his revocation to answer complaints.

Mr. Nevin.

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Draught of a letter to the Earl of Sunderland upon hearing against Mr. Jones. Sent to Sir Thomas Parker and Mr. Eyre.

Jamaica.

Col. Lloyd about his petition relating to a Negro of his banished the island

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Lloyd being asked several questions thereupon, he said that the reason of his petitioning for his pardon was because he did verily beleive the said negro was not guilty of the crime he suffered for, that he had been committed and condemned to be transported upon bare suspition only, which was no conviction in law. He then communicated to their lordships part of a letter from one of his correspondents in Jamaica, giving an account of the tryal of the said negro. Then being further asked if he had any affidavit to prove the innocence of the said negro, and if he knew where the said negro now was, he said that he had not, but could procure one or more from Jamaica; that the negro was come to this kingdom, and had been with him ever since July last. He added that as Brigadier Handasyd was none of his friend, and that he could expect little favour or friendship from him in this matter, and that it was probable a new Governor would be sent thither in some short time (Brigadier Handasyd having desired to come home), he was willing to defer this matter till then, to the end the same may be referred to the person who shall be appointed to succeed him; and that in case he should find upon his arrival in that island that the said negro was innocent of the said crime of poisoning the child aforementioned, that then he might be restored and permitted to return again to Jamaica, he being so usefull to the petitioner's plantation there.

Miscellanies.

*Messrs. Tribeko and
Ruperti about poor
Protestants.*

*Memorial of their
condition.
Number.*

Occupations.

Monsieur Tribbeko and Monsieur Ruperti, two of the Lutheran ministers here, attending in relation to the poor German Protestants lately come from the Palatinate [*fo.* 84, 96] (mentioned in the minutes of the 5th instant), they presented to their lordships two memorials, setting forth the calamitous condition of those poor people, together with an account of their number, amounting in all to 852 persons, men, women and children, their several trades and occupations; which were read; and these gentlemen being asked several questions thereupon, they said that several of them had died of want since their coming over; that they had no subsistence left; that they could not speak English, and therefore none of them had as yet got any business or employment here, but possibly might do it, in some time, when they had learned the language. Then being asked further what allowance they thought would be necessary for their present support, till some provision could be otherwise made for them, they said they could not readily tell, but would withdraw, and as near as possible make a calculation thereof; and having done the same, they returned, and proposed that sixteen pounds per day might be allowed the said 852 persons for their present support and subsistance; whereupon a letter to the Earl of Sunderland [*fo.* 98], signifying the same to his lordship, was drawn up and signed.

*Letter to the
Earl of Sunderland
about
their subsistance.*

Miscellanies.

*Mr. Ludolph and
Justice Chamberlain
Memorial about poor
Protestants from the
Palatinate.*

May 16. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton.

Mr. Ludolph and Justice Chamberlain attending, presented to their lordships a memorial [*fo.* 94], setting forth the reason of the poor German Protestants coming over to this kingdom from the Palatinate; which being read was return'd to them again.

Mr. Jones attending [fo. 93, 97], presented to their lordships a memorial upon the hearing of the complaints against him the 10th instant, praying that no further proceedings therein may be made till there shall be a full Board, which was read ; whereupon ordered that Mr. Jones and Sir John Bennet have notice to attend their lordships to-morrow morning.

Their lordships took into consideration the proofs to several of the articles of complaint against Colonel Parke [fo. 92, 149], and made some progress therein.

May 17. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton.

Sir John Bennet, Mr. Nodin and Mr. Jones attending, as directed yesterday [fo. 96, 273], the memorial from Mr. Jones read the same day, praying that no further proceedings may be made in the hearing of the complaints against him from Bermuda, till there shall be a full Board, was again read ; and Sir John Bennet acquiesc'd thereunto, and at Mr. Jones's desire the further hearing of those matters was deferr'd till about Michaelmas term next, Sir John Bennet also agreeing thereto.

The copies of the draught of a letter to the Earl of Sunderland, upon the hearing of the complaints on Tuesday last, delivered by the secretary to Mr. Eyres of counsel to Mr. Jones [fo. 93] and to Sir Thomas Parker, of council for the Island of Bermuda, pursuant to their lordships' direction the 12th instant, being now returned together with the said counsel's alterations thereon, the same were read.

A letter from the Earl of Sunderland of the 15th instant (in answer to one writ him the 12th ditto) [fo. 95, 118], signifying that her Majesty had given orders for supplying the poor Germans as had been proposed in the said letter, till they could be otherwise provided for, and that her Majesty was desirous to have the opinion of this Board, how such provision might be made for these poor people &c., was read ; whereupon their lordships taking the same into consideration, and finding great difficulties in proposing a method to imploy them in such manner as they may be able to support themselves here, a letter to the Earl of Sunderland, acquainting his lordship therewith, and desiring that he would give this Board an opportunity of conferring with him on that affair, was signed.

Ordered that Mr. Tribbeko and Mr. Ruperti, two of the Lutheran ministers [fo. 99], as likewise Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Ludolph have notice to attend the Board to-morrow morning.

May 18. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton.

Mr. Tribbeko, Mr. Ruperti and Mr. Chamberlain attending as directed yesterday [fo. 98, 103], in relation to the poor German Protestants lately come from the Palatinate, and being asked several questions, and particularly if they knew how these poor people might be provided for in this kingdom, they said that the tradesmen among them were able to work here if they could but

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Bermuda.

Memorial from Mr. Jones about hearing of complaints.
Mr. Jones and Sir John Bennet summon'd.

Leeward Islands.

Complaints against Col. Parke.

Bermuda.

Bennet and Jones.
Further hearing of complaints put off.

Draught letter to the Earl of Sunderland upon the late hearing alter'd by counsel of each side.

Miscellanies.

Letter from the Earl of Sunderland.
Provision for several poor people from Germany.

Letter to the Earl of Sunderland.

Mr. Tribbeko, Ruperti &c. to attend.

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Mr. Tribbeko, Ruperti &c. about several poor German Protestants.

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find employment; that as to the husbandmen, they might also be provided for, if they could but procure any work for them. Then being asked how many of these people, as well men as women, were able to work, they said that they did beleive all the men that were not sick were capable of working, but that as to the women and children, they thought they could do little else but spin or knit; they added that many of these people were of the same country as those gone to New York with the Lord Lovelace, and had expressed a great desire of being transported thither.

Then these gentlemen being desired to make a list of such of those poor people as are capable to get their living by work, and such as cannot by reason of their age or otherwise, they promised to do the same accordingly.

Trade.

*Letter from the
Earl of Sunderland.
Treaties of commerce
with France.*

A letter from the Earl of Sunderland of the 16th instant [fo. 101], directing this Board to consider the several treaties of commerce that have been set on foot these 60 years last past between England and France, whether such as have been actually concluded and executed, or such as have been only entred into and under negotiation, was read.

Plantations General.

*Letter from Mr.
Secretary Boyle.
English claim to
places in the West
Indies possess'd by
the French &c.
Places taken on each
side.*

A letter from Mr. Secretary Boyle of the 17th instant [fo. 102], directing this Board to report to her Majesty a true state of the pretensions of the Crown of England to any colonies or places in the West Indies, which are now in the hands of the French, and to give an account of what towns, places or territories they have taken from us in these parts, during this present war, or we from them, was also read; whereupon ordered that all treaties in this office relating to commerce with France be look'd out and laid before their lordships; as also all other papers relating to the titles of the French or English Plantations in America.

May 19. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton.

Trade.

*Treaties of commerce
with France.*

Their lordships taking into consideration the letter from the Earl of Sunderland of the 16th instant [fo. 100, 102] (mention'd in yesterday's minutes), directing this Board to consider the several treaties of commerce that have been set on foot these 60 years last past, between England and France, they read the project of a treaty with France, prepared by this Board in 1697; and a letter to his lordship signifying that there are only in this office a Treaty Marine of the 24th of February, 1677, and the aforesaid project, and desiring that all the other treaties &c. might be laid before their lordships, was signed.

*Letter to the
Earl of Sunderland.*

*Letters to several
persons for memorials
to be concern'd in a
treaty.*

Their lordships gave directions for writing to the Mayors of Exeter and Bristol and to several other persons [fo. 117] for such memorials, as they may think proper to be had in consideration, at the framing of a treaty of commerce with France [fo. 101, 114]; then their lordships taking into consideration the letter from Mr. Secretary Boyle also mentioned in yesterday's minutes [fo. 100, 113], directing this Board to report to her Majesty a true state of the pretensions of the Crown of England to any colonies or places in the West Indies, which are now in the hands of the French &c., ordered that letters be writ to the Governor or Deputy Governor

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*Letters to several per-
sons about English
claim to places in the
West Indies
possess'd by the
French.*

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of the Hudson's Bay Company; to Mr. Campbell and Mr. Meritt, concerned in the trade to Newfoundland; to Mr. Rowland Tryon, concerned in the trade to the West Indies; to Colonel Lodwick, concerned in the trade to New York; for an account of such incroachments as have been made by the French upon her Majesty's dominions in any of the said places.

May 21. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton.

Mr. Tribbeko attending in relation to the poor Germans [*fo.* 99, 104], and being asked if he had brought the list of such of these poor people as can work, as well as of those that cannot, as he had been desired the 18th instant, he said that the said list was made, and was now transcribing, in order to its being laid before the Board on Monday morning next; and added that there were 200 of the men (who are most of them married) able and fit to get a maintenance by working; that a taylour, a joyner, and two or three more of them had got into business; that there were also 100 of the women that could knit and spin, and get a livelyhood that way; that as to the rest, he did beleive they would be able to do but little, some being old and infirm, and others too young; that these people were now in a pretty good condition, being better accommodated as to lodging than before, and that, at a meeting in the city, it had been agreed among some gentlemen there to send about 80 of the said poor people to Camberwell, for better accomodation.

Then being asked, if some of the Queen's charity to them were to be laid out in purchasing certain quantities of flax or wooll, whether by working and spinning the same, they could make such improvements, as might inable them to provide and subsist themselves, he said that possibly they might in case they were furnish'd with wheels and other necessary materials for carrying on such a work, but not being able to give a direct answer to this matter, he promised to inform himself further, and give their lordships an account thereof on Monday next.

May 23. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton.

Mr. Tribbeko and Mr. Ruperti attending [*fo.* 103, 108], they presented to their lordships a list of such of the poor Germans as are able to work for their livelyhood, and also of such as are now sick, together with the number and ages of the children, as well boys and girls, the abstract whereof was read; but these gentlemen not having any copy of the said list, they desired that they might have it back again, to inable them to make further enquiries into these peoples' condition and circumstances, and to add to the said list as there should be occasion, which when they should have done, they promised to return again; whereupon the same was given them accordingly.

They had acquainted their lordships that there were thirteen hundred more poor Germans come from Holland, and were now on ship board in the river till some place could be found to lodge them in. They also acquainted their lordships that her Majesty

Miscellanies.

Mr. Tribbeko about several poor Germans.

Miscellanies.

*Mr. Tribbeko and Ruperti.
List of poor Germans able to work, and such as are sick, children &c.*

More arrived from Holland.

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had been pleased to allow the 852 poor Germans 20 $\frac{1}{2}$. per day instead of 16 $\frac{1}{2}$., as at first proposed.

Then being asked if all the women mentioned in the aforesaid list could spin, they said that they could, and being desired to get some person to enquire about what these people could do in relation to spinning, and what improvement they might possibly make therein; as likewise to give in an account in writing of the materials necessary to be provided for setting them to work, together with the charge thereof, they promised to do the same, and give their lordships an account thereof accordingly.

Pennsylvania.
Laws under con-
sideration.

Their lordships proceeded into the consideration of the laws of Pennsylvania, mentioned in the minutes of the 6th instant [fo. 84, 110], and read five of the said laws, and agreed to ask Mr. Penn why in the last clause of the law entituled *An Act for the better improving a good correspondence with the Indians*, folio 27, the Indian traders are forbid to carry or dispose of any skins and furs out of Pennsylvania.

Trade.
Virginia.
Memorial relating to
the tobacco trade with
France.

Mr. Richard Perry and other Virginia merchants attending, presented to their lordships a memorial relating to the tobacco trade, praying that, in the Treaty of Peace to be made between this kingdom and that of France, it may be provided that a free importation of tobacco, both leaf and manufactur'd, may be allow'd to the subjects of both nations under as easy a duty as can be obtain'd, not subject to any farm or monopoly; which memorial was read. Whereupon being asked what duties had been laid formerly in France upon tobacco imported thither, Mr. Perry said that before the year 1688, 40 sols. per pound had been paid for it; that before the last warr they had no trade with France in that commodity; the first commencement thereof being in the short interval of peace between the two kingdoms.

Maryland.
Act about poor debtors.

Remarks thereon.

Then these gentlemen presented to their lordships the copy of an Act past by the General Assembly of Maryland about December last [fo. 213], entituled *An Act for relief of poor debtors and languishing prisoners*, together with their remarks thereon, and desiring that the same might be repealed, it being of such a nature, that it would totally ruin all credit there. They were acquainted that as Colonel Seymour had not transmitted the same hither under the seal of the province, this Board could not take any cognizance thereof; but that, when the said Act should come before them, they would take the same into consideration, and report thereupon to her Majesty.

Hudson's Bay.
Sir Stephen Evans.
Petition of the com-
pany about their title
to that place.

Copies of transactions
between England and
France relating thereto.

Sir Stephen Evans, Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company, attending, he presented to their lordships the copy of the petition from the said Company to her Majesty [fo. 115], setting forth their right and title to that place, and praying that the French King may be obliged by the insuing Treaty of Peace to renounce all right or pretention to the said Bay &c., and to make restitution of what they robbed and dispoil'd the said Company in times of perfect amity, was read. He likewise presented to their lordships copies of the transactions between England and France relating to the said Bay in 1687 and 1699, as also a mapp thereof. He then acquainted their lordships that her Majesty had been pleased to

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give directions to the Duke of Marlborough and the Lord Townsend her Ambassadors, according to the prayer of the said petition, and that two of the members of the said Company were gone over to Holland on this occasion.

A memorial from the United Governors, Assistants and Society of London for Mines Royal and Battery Works [fo. 104, 108, 122], proposing the employing such of the poor Germans as are strong and able to labour in the silver and copper mines at Penlyn in Merionethshire [? was read].

May 24. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton.

A letter from Mr. Taylor, inclosing a memorial relating to the arrival of 1,100 more German Protestants from the Palatinate, and that 600 more of them lye at Rotterdam for passage [fo. 108, 111], signifying my Lord Treasurer's desire to know from this Board what is absolutely necessary as well for the subsistence of the 1,100 already arrived, as to the 600 expected from Rotterdam, and how they may most properly be disposed of, was read, and directions given for writing an answer thereto.

Mr. Freke and Mr. Chamberlain attending in relation to the said poor people, they acquainted their lordships that they were still on ship board at Woolwich, by reason they had no place provided for them to lodge in; that if tents could be procured they would take care to separate the said Germans and place some of them at Greenwich, Lambeth, Fulham and elsewhere, untill they could find out work for them, which they hoped to do in a short time; then being asked if the ropeyard at Greenwich should be repaired and fitted up, whether the same would not be convenient for their accommodation for the present, till they should be otherwise taken care of, they said that the said ropeyard would be very convenient for a great part of them; whereupon these gentlemen were told that their lordships would give directions for writing this morning to my Lord Treasurer to acquaint him herewith.

Their lordships again took into consideration the Acts of Pennsylvania past in 1705 [fo. 106, 184], mentioned in yesterday's minutes, and read nine of the said Acts, and gave directions for sending the Act entituled, *An Act for taking lands in execution for payment of debts, folio 34*, to Mr. Solicitor General, for his opinion thereupon in point of law.

May 25. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton.

A letter from the Earl of Sunderland, of yesterday's date, inclosing a memorial from the Councill and Assembly of the Massachusetts Bay &c., relating to the present state of that province, and desiring to know when Port Royal was taken by the French, was read.

A letter from Mr. Chamberlain, of this day's date [fo. 109, 112], inclosing an account of what had been done by several well disposed persons towards providing for the accommodation of the poor Germans come over from the Palatinate, was read.

Miscellanies.

Memorial from the Mine Adventurers about employing some of the poor Germans.

Miscellanies.

Letter from Mr. Taylour with a memorial. More German Protestants arrived. Their subsistence and disposal.

Mr. Freke and Mr. Chamberlain about poor Germans.

Pennsylvania.
Acts.

One sent to Mr Solicitor General.

Massachusetts.

Letter from the Earl of Sunderland with memorial from the Council and Assembly. State of the province. Port Royal.

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Memorial from Mr.
Freeman about

Antigua
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Freeman &c.

New Jersey.
Letter from the Lord
Lovelace.

New York.
Mr. Mompesson,
Chief Justice.

Miscellanies.
Mr. Tribbeko.

Abstract of the list of
the poor Germans.

Proposal for their
immediate employ-
ment.

Payment of those last
arrived.

Trade.
Order of Council with
account of East India
Company's exports.

This to be compared
with former accounts.

Plantations General.
Answer to Mr.
Secretary Boyle's
letter about English
claim to places in the
West Indies &c.

Trade.
Memorial from Mr.
Galdy.
Treaty of Commerce
with France.

A memorial from Mr. Arthur Freeman, praying that their lordships would please to write again to Colonel Parke, Governor of the Leeward Islands, upon the Act past in Antego in 1707, entituled *An Act to inable Robert Freeman and Mary his wife to sell three parcells of lands &c.*, transmitted to him in their lordships' letter of the 9th of May, 1707, was read, and directions given for writing to Colonel Park accordingly.

A letter from the Lord Lovelace, Governor of New Jersey, dated at Perth Amboy in that province, the 4th of March last, together with the extract of a letter from this Board to the Lord Cornbury of the 26th of February, 170 $\frac{1}{2}$ [fo. 127], relating to Mr. Mompesson's being Chief Justice of New York, were read.

Mr. Tribbeko attending in relation to the poor German Protestants first come over [fo. 111, 116], presented to their lordships an abstract of the list of the said persons, containing an account of such as are able to work, and of such as are not, either from age or sickness, the whole number being 806, which was read; and their lordships observing that the number of them were lessen'd, and asking Mr. Tribbeko the reason of it, he said that about five or six and twenty of them have dyed since their arrival here. Then Mr. Tribbeko proposing that for the immediate setting these people to work 100*l.* might be ordered for them to be laid out in flax, iron and steel, that the women might be set to spinning, and the men employed in making them proper tools for husbandry; their lordships acquainted him that he would do well to lay the same before the Lord High Treasurer, which he promised to do accordingly.

Mr. Tribbeko then desiring to know how the Germans last come over were to be paid, he was acquainted with what their lordships had ordered to be writ to Mr. Taylor thereupon.

An Order of Council of the 19th instant, transmitting to this Board an account of exports made by the East India Company from April, 1708, to April, 1709, was read; whereupon ordered that all the accounts of exports made by the East India Company since their first institution to this time, that are in the office, be compared one with another, that their lordships may know the difference there is in the said yearly accounts of exports.

May 26. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Lord Bishop of London, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton.

Their lordships took into consideration the draught of an answer to Mr. Secretary Boyle's letter of the 17th instant [fo. 102, 117], mentioned in the minutes of the 19th ditto [fo. 115], relating to the pretensions of the Crown of England, to any Colonies or places in the West Indies &c., and made a progress therein.

May 27. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton.

Mr. Laurence Galdy attending, presented to their lordships a memorial containing several heads towards framing a Treaty of Commerce with France [fo. 102], together with an abstract of what

customs or rates English manufactures have paid in that kingdom, as well in the years 1664 as 1687, which were read.

A memorial from Mr. Richard Harris, relating to the French settlements at Hispaniola &c., and to the ill consequence they are of to Jamaica, was read.

Sir Stephen Evans attending [*fo.* 108], with several members of the Hudson's Bay Company, touching some matters relating to the said Company, and being asked, among other things, who were the first discoverers of Canada, and who made the first settlement there, they promised to make enquiry thereinto, and give their lordships an answer as soon as possible.

Three memorials from Mr. Rowland Tryon, Colonel Joseph Jorey and Mr. Constantine Phips, relating to the necessity of St. Christopher's being preserv'd intirely in the Crown of Great Britain, were read.

A letter from Mr. Rowland Tryon of the 25th instant, relating to our title to all the islands lying windward of Guadaloup, as St. Lucia, Dominico, Tobago &c., was read.

A letter from Mr. Solomon Merret of the 24th instant, inclosing a memorial from divers merchants trading to Newfoundland [*fo.* 114], relating to that Colonie's being first possess'd by the English, and to the incroachments made there by the French, were read.

A memorial from Mr. James Campbell, containing a deduction of the title of the Crown of England to Newfoundland was also read.

May 30. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton.

Their lordships, taking into considerable [*sic*] how the poor Germans lately come from the Palatinate [*fo.* 112, 118] might be inabled by their own labour and industry to provide for their maintenance and subsistence; ordered that the secretary write to Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor General, for their opinion upon the two following queries, vizt.:

Whether her Majesty has a right and power by law to grant parcels of lands in her forests, chaces and wasts to any of her subjects with licence to build cottages and inclose the said lands, in order to convert the same to tillage and husbandry.

What security her Majesty may give to indemnify the respective parishes, from the settlements of poor families among them, who shall be admitted to dwell in the said cottages.

A letter from the Lords Proprietors of Carolina of the 26th instant, relating to the settlements made by the French within this eight years, upon the river Mississippi in America, and desiring that they may be obliged to relinquish the said settlements &c., was read; and directions given for inserting the same in the draught of the answer to be made to Mr. Secretary Boyle's letter of the 17th instant, mentioned in the minutes of the 26th ditto.

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Duties paid on English manufactures there.

Trade.

Jamaica.

Memorial from Mr. Harris.

French settlements on Hispaniola.

Hudson's Bay.

Sir Stephen Evans.

Discoverers of Canada.

St. Christopher's.

Memorial from Mr. Tryon, Col. Jory and Mr. Phips.

Barbadoes.

Windward Caribbee Islands.

Letter from Mr. Tryon.

Newfoundland.

Letter from Mr. Merret.

Memorial from merchants.

English title and French incroachments.

Memorial from Mr. Campbell on that subject.

Miscellanies.

Poor Germans.

Letter to Mr. Attorney and Solicitor General with

Queries about her Majesty's right to grant lands in forests, chaces &c. and

Security to indemnify parishes receiving poor families.

Carolina.

Letter from the Lords Proprietors.

French settlements on Mississippi River.

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Plantations General.
*Answer to Mr.
 Secretary Boyle.
 English and French
 dominions.*

Then their lordships again took into consideration the said answer [fo. 113, 121], and made a further progress therein.

Trade.

*Letter from Mr. Eyre.
 Treaty of Commerce
 with France.*

May 31. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton.

A letter from Mr. Samuel Eyre, of the 27th instant, in answer to one from the secretary relating to a Treaty of Commerce with France, was read.

*Letter from Mr.
 Spicer, Mayor of
 Exeter.
 Memorial from mer-
 chants of that city
 on the same subject.*

A letter from Mr. Spicer, Mayor of Exeter, of the 28th instant [fo. 102, 118], inclosing a memorial from the merchants of that city, relating to a Treaty of Commerce with France, together with the particulars of the customs received at Rouen since 1654, was read.

*Letter from Mr. Forty.
 Considerations about
 trade with France and
 memorial about Treaty
 of Commerce.*

A letter from Mr. Anthony Forty, of yesterday's date [fo. 117, 119], inclosing some considerations about the settlement of trade between England and France in 1698, with a memorial relating to a Treaty of Commerce now to be set on foot with that kingdom &c., was read.

Miscellanies.

*Poor Germans from
 the Palatinate.
 Draft of a letter to the
 Earl of Sunderland.*

Their lordships taking into consideration the Earl of Sunderland's letters, relating to the providing for and settling the poor German Protestants [fo. 98, 119], lately come from the Palatinate, in this kingdom or in the plantations; they gave directions for preparing the draught of an answer to the Earl of Sunderland thereupon.

June 1. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton.

Miscellanies.

*Mr. Attorney and
 Solicitor General's
 report about granting
 lands in forests &c.
 Security to indemnify
 parishes from settle-
 ments of poor.
 Letters to the
 Earl of Sunderland
 and Lord Treasurer
 about poor German
 Protestants.*

Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor General's report in answer to the queries sent them the 30th of the last month, relating to her Majesty's right and power of granting lands in her forests, chaces &c., and the security that may be given to indemnify any parishes from settlements of poor families among them, was read; whereupon the draught of a letter to the Earl of Sunderland [fo. 118], and the like to the Lord High Treasurer in relation to the poor German Protestants lately arrived from the Palatinate, mention'd in yesterday's minutes, were signed.

*Mr. Tribbeko. 2nd
 list of Palatines from
 Germany.*

Mr. Tribbeko attending, presented to their lordships a second list of 1,193 Palatines lately come from Germany [fo. 124, 139], distinguishing their professions, ages &c. And their lordships desiring an abstract thereof, with an account of their health and qualifications, he promised to bring the same to their lordships in a few days.

Abstract thereof.

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*Mr. Campbell.
 Memorial from mer-
 chants about Treaty
 of Commerce with
 France.*

Mr. Campbell presented to the Board a memorial from several British merchants, relating to a Treaty of Commerce with France [fo. 118, 124], which their lordships resolved to take into consideration.

Barbadoes.

*Mr. Royle and Mr.
 Lillington.
 Order of Council on
 an address from the
 Assembly about pro-
 ceedings of a Court of
 Grand Sessions
 against Mr. Walker.*

Mr. Royle with Mr. Lillington attending [fo. 173], they presented to their lordships an Order of Council of the 19th of the last month, referring to the Board an address from the General Assembly of Barbadoes to her Majesty, relating to the proceedings of a Court of Grand Sessions held in Barbadoes against William Walker,

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esquire, who was chiefly concern'd in the oppression of George Lillington, esquire, and others during the administration of Sir Bevil Granville in that government, which said order and address were read.

These gentlemen likewise presented to the Board a copy of a speech made by the Governor of Barbadoes, to the Assembly there the 22nd of March, 1708, together with the Assembly's address in answer thereto; as also the minutes of Council of that island of the 11th and 19th of March, 1705, attested by Mr. Baron, Clark of the said Council; and they having copies of the said minutes, desired the same might be examined by the secretary of this Board with those now presented, and by him certified to be true copies, which their lordships were pleased to order accordingly.

June 2. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton.

A letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle, in answer to one from him of the 17th of the last month, inclosing a representation containing a state of her Majesty's pretensions to any Colonies or places in the West Indies which are now in the hands of the French [fo. 117], as also an account of what towns, places or territories they have taken from us in those parts during this present war, or we from them, were both signed.

A certificate from Mr. Blathwayt of the 14th of March last, as also another certificate from Mr. Povey of the 2nd instant, setting forth that search having been made in the books of the Council Office for the Act past in Barbadoes the 5th of September, 1667 [fo. 46, 122], intituled *An Act declaring how the Clerks and Marshals of the Court of Common Pleas within this Island shall be appointed, and what fees they shall receive*; it does not appear that the said Act has been confirmed or repealed by the Crown, were read, and Mr. Gordon, provost marshal of the said island, desiring that their lordships would please to represent the same to her Majesty; ordered that the draught of a representation be prepared for laying the same before her Majesty, accordingly.

June 3. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton.

A representation relating to the Act past in Barbadoes the 5th September, 1667 [fo. 121, 238], intituled *An Act declaring how the Clerks and Marshalls of the Courts of Common Pleas within this island shall be appointed and what fees they shall receive*, mentioned in yesterday's minutes, was signed.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Boyle, of the 1st instant [fo. 108, 125], referring the petition of the United Governors, Assistants and Society of London of and for Royal Mines &c., relating to a provision to be made for the poor German Protestants lately come from the Palatinate, was read, whereupon ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Chamberlain to desire him to make enquiry into the nature of the said Company, and who are the members thereof, and give their lordships an account of the same.

Copies of the Governor's speech to the Assembly and their answer with minutes of Council.

Other copies of the said minutes to be attested.

Plantations General.
Letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle.

Representation of the state of her Majesty's pretensions to places possess'd by the French &c.

Barbadoes.
Certificates from Mr. Blathwayt and Mr. Povey about an Act relating to Clerks and Marshalls of Courts.

Representation thereupon.

Barbadoes.
Representation. Act about Clerks and Marshalls of Courts.

Miscellanies.
Letter from Mr. Boyle.
Petition of United Governors &c. of the Society for Royal Mines &c. about employing several poor Germans.
Letter to Mr. Chamberlain about the said Company.

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*Letter from the
Earl of Sunderland.
Petition of Sir
William Hodges.
His claim from the
Portuguese.
Sir William
summon'd.*

Miscellanies.

*Letter to the Lord
High Treasurer.
Salaries.*

Trade.

*Memorial from the
Lustring Company.
Mr. Chetwynd's pro-
posal.
Trade with Savoy.*

Trade.

*Memorial from Lyme
Regis about a Treaty
of Commerce &c. with
France.*

Newfoundland.

*Order of Council on
a petition of Mr.
Campbell.
His services, suf-
ferings &c.*

Miscellanies.

*Mr. Tribbeko.
More poor people
arriv'd from Germany.*

Dr. Stringer.

*Petition of Society
for Royal Mines &c.*

*Their proposals to be
under their common
seal.*

Trade.

*Letter from Sir
William Hodges de-
siring time to get
proofs &c.*

A letter from the Earl of Sunderland, of the 23rd of the last month [fo. 195], referring the petition of Sir William Hodges to her Majesty, together with several papers thereunto annexed, relating to a claim he has of eighteen thousand, one hundred eighty-eight pounds and sixteen shillings from the Portuguese, were read; whereupon ordered [fo. 125] that Sir William Hodges have notice to attend the Board on Thursday morning next.

A letter to the Lord High Treasurer signifying that there was due to this Board at Lady Day last past, one whole year's salary, besides what is incurred since, was signed.

A memorial from the Royal Lustring Company in answer to a letter writ them the 4th of the last month [fo. 78], upon a proposal from Mr. Chetwynd, her Majesty's Envoy to the Duke of Savoy, for settling a trade between this kingdom and the territories of the said Duke for silks &c., was read.

Mr. Robert Burridge, a member of Parliament for the town of Lyme Regis, attending [fo. 119, 205], presented to their lordships a memorial from the Mayor and inhabitants of the said town, relating to a Treaty of Commerce with France, which was read.

Mr. James Campbell attending, presented to their lordships an Order of Council of the 2nd instant [fo. 353, 380], upon the petition of the said Campbell relating to his services and sufferings on account of the trade to Newfoundland, praying that he may be consider'd for the same, was read.

June 7. Present:—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton.

Mr. Tribbeko attending [fo. 119, 131], informed their lordships that 2,000 more poor people were arrived from the Palatinate in Germany; whereupon he was acquainted that it would be proper for him to present a memorial thereof to a Secretary of State, which he promised to do accordingly.

Doctor Stringer attending [fo. 122], the letter from Mr. Secretary Boyle referring to their lordships the petition of the United Governors, Assistants and Society of London for Royall Mines &c., relating to a provision for the poor Germans (mentioned in the minutes of the 3rd instant), was again read; and their lordships inquiring when and by whom the said Society was incorporated, Doctor Stringer acquainted the Board that their Charter was granted by Queen Elizabeth in the 10th year of her reign; whereupon he was directed to procure the proposals of the said Society under their hands and common seal, which he promised to do accordingly.

June 9. Present:—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton.

A letter from Sir William Hodges, of yesterday's date [fo. 123, 195], excusing his not waiting on their lordships as he was directed the 7th instant, and desiring time to get authentick proofs to the allegations set forth in his petition relating to the demand he has on the Portuguese, mentioned in the minutes of the 3rd instant, was read.

A letter from Mr. Pringle of yesterday's date, relating to the draught of a commission and instructions to be prepared for the Commodore of the Newfoundland convoy now going thither [fo. 65], was read. Whereupon the secretary laid before their lordships the draught of such a commission and instructions; and a letter to the Earl of Sunderland, inclosing the same, was signed.

The secretary also laid before their lordships the usual heads of enquiry for the Commodore of the Newfoundland convoy [fo. 65]; whereupon ordered that the same be inclosed in a letter to Mr. Burchet, to be given by the Lord High Admiral to the said Commodore.

A letter from Mr. Pen, desiring to have a copy of that part of the Lord Baltimore's patent for Maryland, which relates to the boundaries of that province, was read; and directions given that he have a copy thereof accordingly.

A letter to Colonel Parke, Governor of the Leeward Islands, was signed.

A memorial from Mr. Atwood, late Chief Justice of New York [fo. 112, 171], relating to Mr. Mompesson's desire of being continued in that employ, was read.

Sir Henry Ashurst attending, presented to their lordships the three following letters, vizt.:

A letter from the Governor and Company of her Majesty's Colony of Connecticut, of the 24th of January, 1708, in answer to one writ them the 7th of May, 1707, requiring an account of the state of the said colony.

A second letter from the said Governor and Company, of the 26th of January, 1708, in answer to one writ them the 15th of April, 1708, requiring an account of the number and price of negroes brought to Connecticut directly from Africa &c.

A letter from Mr. Gurdon Saltonstall, Governor of the foresaid colony, of the 19th of February, 1708, acknowledging the receipt of their lordships' letter of ye 14th of May, 1707, inclosing the Acts about coin and trade to America, as also her Majesty's additional instruction relating to the Acts of trade and navigation.

Which letters their lordships agreed to take into consideration at a convenient opportunity.

June 13. Present:—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton.

An Order of Council of the 2nd instant, referring to this Board a memorial from the Marquis of Carmarthen relating to the pirates at Madagascar [fo. 133], and to an intended expedition of Captain Breholt, for that island, was read; and his Lordship attending, he acquainted the Board that he had several witnesses to prove the allegations in the said memorial; and called in Lawrence Waldron, who said that he came from Carolina on board Breholt's ship to Fial; that they were there seized upon suspicion of piracy, some of the crew having declared that they would go

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Letter from Mr. Pringle about commission and instructions for the Commodore.
Letter to the Earl of Sunderland inclosing the said commission &c.

Letter to Mr. Burchet with heads of enquiry.

Maryland.**Pennsylvania.**

Letter from Mr. Penn. Boundaries.

Leeward Islands.

Letter to Col. Parke.

New York.

Memorial from Mr. Atwood.
Place of Chief Justice.

Connecticut.

Letter from the Governor and Company.

2nd letter from them.
Negroes from Africa.

Letter from Mr. Saltonstall, Governor of the said colony

Plantations General.

Order of Council about pirates at Madagascar.
The Marquis of Carmarthen and Mr. Waldron at the Board thereupon.

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Several others at the Board on the foregoing subject, viz. Mrs. Woodstock.

and make their fortunes, which he interpreted to mean going to Madagascar, to join with the pirates. He own'd he never heard Captain Breholt say so himself; but that he believed Breholt might have heard the crew say so.

Then my Lord Carmarthen desired Mrs. Woodstock to be called in, who informed their lordships that her son came from Carolina in Breholt's ship, that when Breholt's was seized at Fial her son was carried away in the said ship by the crew to Madagascar, where she supposed him now to be with the pirates; that she has heard Breholt say, he was upon an expedition for Madagascar to fetch the pirates home, and that he was lately about buying a considerable parcel of point of a friend of hers; and thereupon said that if he could have it cheap, he could make money where he was going; she added that she did not know of any ships fitting out for that design.

Mrs. Rupert.

Mrs. Rupert attending, she inform'd their lordships that Breholt told her lately that he was going with the Queen's pardon to fetch the pirates from Madagascar, and to trade for slaves; that there were three ships fitting in the river, one of which was called the *Carlisle*, and one in Scotland called the *Calidonia*; she said the same as Mrs. Woodstock in relation to the point aforementioned; she added that he would have had her subscribed 200*l.*, but she refused it.

Mrs. Ramsey.

Mrs. Ramsey attending, she said to the same purpose as Mrs. Rupert had done, and only added that she had heard that my Lord Morton had obtained the Queen's pardon for the pirates at Madagascar.

Mr. Moulder.

Mr. Moulder was called in, who, being asked several questions, said that he knew nothing of Breholt's intended expedition, and that he believ'd there was more malice than truth against him.

Mr. Edgerton.

Mr. Edgerton then attending, and, being asked several questions upon the same subject, he said that the Lord Morton himself, and several others had some while ago petitioned the Queen that they might go with her Majesty's pardon to bring the pirates home, and that they did intend to proceed on that expedition, if her Majesty's pardon was obtained; that they had no design of trading with the pirates; that they intended one ship to trade for negroes at Madagascar, but finding that the East India Company would not allow of their trading within the limits of their charter, the said ship was ordered to be sold, which he believed was done this day. That Breholt was not to command that ship, nor to be the chief commander in that expedition. He added that he has always heard a fair character of Breholt. Then Mr. Egerton being desired, he said he would endeavour to bring the said Breholt to the Board on Thursday morning next.

Mr. Toulson.

Mr. Toulson also attending, said in substance the same as Mr. Egerton had done.

June 15. Present:—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton.

Miscellanies.
Letter from the Earl of Sunderland on a proposal from the Marquis of Kent about the Germans. Mr. Aston at the Board thereupon.

A letter from the Earl of Sunderland of the 11th instant [*fo.* 124, 137], referring to the Board a proposal from the Lord Chamberlain for settling some of the Palatines lately arrived here, in Herefordshire and Gloucestershire, was read. And Mr. Aston, agent for his

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Lordship attending, and being asked several questions, he said, that my Lord Chamberlain had in those counties great parcells of land, which lye waste, and that his Lordship would grant a sufficient number of acres to each family for the term of three lives, they paying to his Lordship an annual acknowledgment of a penny per acre, or some such small matter; that he would at present take about 20 or 25 families; that he would give them the land as aforesaid, with timber and lime for building, but he hoped her Majesty would be at the charge of erecting their cottages, and of subsisting them for some time, till they were in a condition to live by their own labour. He added that he was not able to explain any further particulars till he had received answers to letters he had writ into the country, and he hoped to do the same on Fryday, the 20th instant. Whereupon a letter to the Earl of Sunderland, acquainting him therewith, was signed.

*Letter to the
Earl of Sunderland
in answer to his
Lordship.*

June 16. Present:—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton.

The Earl of Morton, Mr. Edgerton, Mr. Toulson, and Captain Breholt attending, the Order of Council of the second instant, referring to the Board the memorial from the Marquis of Carmarthen, was read [fo. 128, 137]; and Captain Breholt being asked several questions, he said that about five years ago several gentlemen, vizt., the Earl of Morton, Mr. Egerton, Sir John Bennet, Sir David Nairne, Sir James Grey, Mr. William Wallis, Mr. Thomas Hopkins, Mr. Paul Jodrell, Mr. Richard Toulson, and Captain Martin Lacock, join'd together in order to sett out some ships for bringing home the pirates from Madagascar; that they had obtained a Scotch pardon for the said pirates, which is still remaining in the hands of the Earl of Marr, but that they had no pardon from Great Britain; that he had bought a ship in Scotland upon his own account and one in England upon account of Mr. Egerton; that the design was, in case they could obtain a pardon from Great Britain, to go to Madagascar to fetch the pirates home; but, if they did not accept the pardon, then their design was to trade with slaves to Brazill. Then being asked if he had never been accused of piracy, he said that having been out some years ago fishing for a wreck (which he miss'd of) he put into Carolina, to wood and water, that freight being then dear in Carolina, his men demanded of him an increase of wages; which he refusing, they came to a trial, and his men were cast, whereupon some of them accused him of piracy, for which he was tried in Carolina and clear'd. That coming home from Carolina, he put in at Fial, where he with about 20 of his men being on shore were seized upon suspicion of piracy, the Portuguese having had a ship sometime before robb'd, but nothing being proved against him, he was acquitted and returned home; that during his confinement there, the rest of the men on board his ship run away with the said ship to Madagascar.

Plantations Generall.
*Earl of Morton and
others about pirates
at Madagascar &c.*

The Earl of Morton informed their lordships that the reason why the Scotch pardon was not taken out, was that they never intended to proceed on that voyage without a pardon from the Crown of Great Britain; that their design was to bring home

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Marquis of Carmarthen about said pirates.

such of the said pirates as would accept of the pardon, with their effects, and they intended to make a restitution to all such as should demand it, and prove their losses as far as their pirates' effects would go. Mr. Egerton and Mr. Toulson said the same. Then they promised to lay before their lordships their proposals upon this matter in writing.

The Marquis of Carmarthen attending, acquainted their lordships that since the last time he was at the Board, he had got some affidavits, and expected some others by Monday next [*fo.* 313], which plainly charged Breholt with acts of piracy; whereupon being ask'd if he would leave what affidavits he had with the Board, he said he thought it would be as well to bring them altogether on Monday.

June 20. Present :—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton.

Pennsylvania.
Letter from Mr. Penn desiring the perusal of some books in this office.
Answer.

A letter from Mr. Penn, of the 17th instant, desiring that his agent may have the perusal of the books in this office, in relation to the affairs in Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania, and have copies of such papers as he shall have need of, was read; whereupon ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Pen, to acquaint him that it is not proper the whole books should be inspected by his agent, and therefore their lordships cannot allow thereof; but, if he will particularly specify what the papers are he is desirous to see, their lordships will consider thereof.

Trade.
Letter from Mr. Newman about English slaves at Algiers.

A letter from Mr. Henry Newman, of this day's date, inclosing one to him from Mr. James Kirkwood, dated at Ferrygate in North Britain, the 6th of this instant, relating to several of her Majesty's subjects being taken by the Turks and Algerines, and sold for slaves, contrary to the treaty between this kingdom and those people, was read.

Newfoundland.
Letter from Major Lloyd.

A letter from Major Lloyd, late commander of the garrison at St. John's in Newfoundland, dated at Placentia the 15th of February last, desiring to be exchanged pursuant to the chartel settled in those parts, was read; and a letter to the Earl of Sunderland, inclosing a copy thereof, was signed.

Plantations General.
Marquis of Carmarthen about pirates.

The Marquis of Carmarthen again attending in relation to the pirates at Madagascar, mentioned in the minutes of the 16th instant [*fo.* 133, 144], he desired that he might be heard before their lordships should make their report on the proposals of the Lord Morton; whereupon he was acquainted that so soon as the Board had received the said proposal, they would consider of what he offer'd.

Miscellanies.
Lord Chamberlain's additional proposal about Germans.

Then their lordships agreed to take into consideration to-morrow morning an additional proposal of the Lord Chamberlain [*fo.* 131, 138], for settling several families of the poor Germans lately come from the Palatinate, mentioned in the minutes of the 15th instant.

June 21. Present :—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton.

Miscellanies.
Mr. Aston.
Lord Chamberlain's additional proposal about the poor Germans.

Mr. Aston attending from the Lord Chamberlain [*fo.* 137], his additional proposal mentioned in yesterday's minutes, was read; whereupon their lordships observed that the sum of fifteen hundred and fifteen pounds and fifteen shillings, proposed to be allowed by

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her Majesty towards the settling of 20 families of the poor Germans, was so great that, if the rest were to be settled upon the same foot, it might amount to above 150,000*l.*; besides that the intention was not to settle these people here upon a better foot than our own; but only to give 'em such employment as they may subsist thereby, and therefore their lordships desired Mr. Aston to offer to the Lord Chamberlain's consideration the employing of the said Germans in improving his lordship's uncultivated lands, as his servants, and for his own profits, he allowing them food, clothing and lodging, and her Majesty to be only at the charge of conveying them to the said lands; besides that this method appear'd to the Board more practicable than the proposal, and even more advantageous to his lordship himself; it would not be any restraint to his lordship's good intentions to the said Germans, for, after they should have improved the said lands, he might, as he found any of them deserving, take such of them as he thought fit for his tenants; upon which Mr. Aston said he would acquaint the Lord Chamberlain therewith, and give the Board an answer in a few days.

Mr. Ruperti attending [*fo.* 119, 140], presented to their lordships lists of the Germans that arrived here the 2nd and 11th instant, and an abstract thereof, and of two former lists, was read. He also presented to the Board four accounts of the disbursements of the money they have received by her Majesty's order, for the use of the said Germans.

June 23. Present:—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton.

A memorial from Mr. Tribbeko and Mr. Ruperti [*fo.* 139], signifying that by reason of the great increase of the number of the poor Germans, they were no longer able, without further assistance, to take care of them, and to distribute her Majesty's bounty to them, and therefore praying that some other persons may be joined with them, was read; whereupon a letter was writ to the Lord Treasurer, inclosing a copy of the said memorial, and proposing Mr. Ludolph and Mr. Sherer, as recommended by Mr. Tribbeko, to be joined with them.

A memorial signed by Doctor Stringer and several other gentlemen [*fo.* 125], relating to the employing of the poor Germans in some mines in Wales and elsewhere, was read.

Copy of her Majesty's warrant to Mr. Compton, dated the 4th of June, 1709, directing him to pay 24*l.* a day to the poor Germans over and above sixteen pounds per day by a former warrant, was read.

Copy of another warrant to Mr. Compton, dated the 14th instant, directing him to pay forty pounds per day more for the poor Germans, over and above the 40*l.* per day by former warrants, was also read.

Mr. Penn desiring that he might have extracts out of the journals of this office of the 2nd of September, the 8th and 17th of October, 1685, relating to* hearings in Council between him and the Lord Baltimore, ordered that he have copies of the said extracts accordingly.

Lists of Germans arrived and accounts of disbursements for their use.

Miscellanies.

Memorial from Mr. Tribbeko &c. praying some persons may be join'd with them to take care of the Germans.

Memoriall from Dr. Stringer about poor Germans.

Her Majesty's warrant for paying money for the poor Germans.

Another warrant for paying money to the said Germans.

Pennsylvania. Maryland.

Mr. Penn about extracts out of the journals.

* [In right hand margin:—]Journal: Vol. 5th Old Book, *fo.* 188, 189, and 207.

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Jamaica.**Trade.**

Mr. Way, Mr.
Broughton and Mr.
Bernard.

Letter from the
Earl of Sunderland.
Petition of Mr.
Onslow, &c.
Debt due from the
Assiento Factors.

June 27. Present:—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton.

Mr. Way, Mr. Broughton, and Mr. Thomas Bernard attending, a letter from the Earl of Sunderland of the 23rd of May last, referring to this Board the petition of Thomas Onslow, Benjamin Way &c., relating to a debt of 86,014 peices of eight due to them from the Factors of the Assiento, was read, together with the said petition and the papers thereunto annexed; whereupon these gentlemen being asked what it was they desired from her Majesty, they said that they were sensible nothing could be done for them at present; but they hoped that when a treaty should be set on foot, between her Majesty and the King of Spain, that her Majesty would then be graciously pleased to give directions to her Ministers for demanding satisfaction for the said debt; and till such a treaty should be enter'd upon they desired their lordships would please to let the matter rest here; and they added that in the meantime they would endeavour to get the proofs of their debt authenticated from Jamaica.

Barbadoes.

Letter from Mr.
Sharp, Walker and
Beresford.
Complaints against
Mr. Crow.

A letter from Mr. Sharp, Mr. Walker and Mr. Beresford, three of the members of her Majesty's Council in Barbadoes, was read, complaining that Mr. Crow had not yet reinstated them in Council, nor given directions for swearing their witnesses to the complaints against him, notwithstanding his having read her Majesty's order in that behalf [*fo.* 34, 155], and the following papers therewith transmitted were laid before the Board, vizt.:

*Papers therewith
transmitted.*

Minutes of Council of the 12th of May, 1709, relating to an address from the Assembly of Barbadoes to Mr. Crow, desiring he would not restore Mr. Sharp &c. to the Council till her Majesty's further pleasure therein be known.

Memorial from Mr. Sharp, Mr. Walker &c. to Mr. Crow, praying that witnesses may be examined before Judge Beckles or others, to prove the allegations in their representation against the said Crow, dated the 12th of May, 1709.

Copy of Mr. Crow's answer to ye memorial of Mr. Sharp, Mr. Walker &c., of the 12th of May, 1709, praying that witnesses might be examined before Judge Beckles or others &c.

A certificate from Mr. Skeen that Mr. Sharp, Mr. Walker &c., did make oath before him, that the papers annexed to the said certificate are true copies of what they delivered to Mr. Crow, relating to the examination of witnesses &c., and praying copies of the Assembly's address to the Queen against them, as also of the affidavits relating thereunto.

June 29. Present:—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton.

Bahama Islands.

Letter relating to the
French and Spaniards
seizing those islands.
Their cruelties &c.

Mr. Graves attending, communicated to their lordships a letter he had received from Mr. John Crofts, dated in Virginia the 4th of April last, and gave their lordships a copy thereof, which was read, giving an account that the French and Spaniards had possess'd themselves of several of the Bahama Islands [*fo.* 145], and committed great cruelties and barbarities on her Majesty's subjects

there; whereupon a letter to the Earl of Sunderland, inclosing a copy of the foresaid letter from Mr. Crofts, was sign'd.

Ordered that the Marquis of Carmarthen have notice that their lordships will be ready on Friday next [fo. 137, 150] to hear what he may have further to offer in relation to his memorial concerning Breholt and the pirates at Madagascar.

A letter from Colonel Jenings, President of the Council of Virginia, dated the 31st of March last, relating chiefly to the want of a guardship for that province, was read; and thereupon ordered [fo. 146] that so much of the said letter as relates to the guardship, be sent to Mr. Burchet, to be laid before the Lord High Admiral.

July 1. Present:—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton.

A letter from Colonel Bennet, Lieutenant Governor of Bermuda, of the 29th of October, 1708, with the copies of the affidavits of Samuel Harvey and Elizabeth Stroud, relating to the cruelties and barbarities committed by the French on the inhabitants in the Bahama Islands [fo. 144, 146], were read; and the other papers referr'd to in the said letter were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt.:

Proceedings of the Court of Assize begun the 2nd of December, 1706, against Mr. Daffy, for promoting and getting subscriptions to a libellous paper &c.

Deposition of Daniel Ubanks, searcher in the Custome House at Bermuda, relating to some tobacco found on board the sloop *Margaret* condemned for trading clandestinely &c.

Proceedings at a Court of Admiralty held in Bermuda the 12th and 15th of March, 1708, against the sloop *Margaret* for clandestine trade.

A letter from Colonel Bennet to the secretary of the 12th of March last, relating to a design of the French and Spaniards, against the province of Carolina, together with an affidavit, and the translation of part of a French letter from Curaçoa, touching the said design, were read. Whereupon a letter to the Earl of Sunderland [fo. 145, 216], inclosing an extract of the letter from Colonel Bennet and copies of the affidavits, was signed.

A letter from Mr. Burchet of the 30th [fo. 145], in answer to one writ him the 29th of the last month, relating to guardships for Virginia, signifying that the *Garland*, a ship of 40 guns, sail'd some time since for that colony, and has orders to cruise between the Capes; and that another ship for the same service is ordered to be bought at New England, was read.

The account of incident charges of this office, from Lady Day, 1709, to Midsummer following, were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt.:

The secretary's account of petty expences from l. s. d.

Lady Day, 1709, to Midsummer following,
amounting to 8 4 5

The stationer's account of (*sic*) for the same time
amounting to 29 10 8

1709.

*Letter to the
Earl of Sunderland
with a copy thereof.*

Plantations General.
*Letter to the Marquis
of Carmarthen.
Breholt pirates.*

Virginia.
*Letter from Col.
Jenings.*

*Letter to Mr.
Burchet.
Guardships.*

Bermuda.
*Letter from Col.
Bennet.*

Bahamas.
*Affidavits about
cruelties committed
by the French.*

Bermuda.
Papers.

*Letter from Col.
Bennet.*

Carolina.
*Letter to the
Earl of Sunderland,
with extract of Col.
Bennet's letter &c.*

Virginia.
*Letter from Mr.
Burchet.
Guardships.*

Miscellanies.
Incidents and salaries.

1709.

The Post Officer's account for postage of letters for	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
the same time, amounting to	18	4	11
Mr. Clark's account for wood and coles	34	18	3
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In all	90	18	3
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*Letter to the
Lord High Treasurer.*

And a letter to the Lord Treasurer, desiring the payment thereof, as also of the salaries due to this office, was signed.

*Leeward Islands.
Complaints against
Col. Park.*

July 4. Present :—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

Their lordships took into consideration the complaints against Colonel Park, Governor of the Leeward Islands, and read the three following papers relating thereto, mention'd in the minutes of the sixth, thirteenth and eighteenth of April last, vizt. :

Order of Council of the 31st of March, 1709, referring to this Board the address and petition of the merchants and inhabitants of Antego &c. [*fo.* 58], together with 22 articles of complaint against Colonel Park, Governor of the Leeward Islands.

Letter from the Earl of Sunderland of the 12th of April last [*fo.* 63], inclosing some additional articles of complaint against Colonel Park, Governor of the Leeward Islands.

Letter from the Earl of Sunderland of 15th April, 1709 [*fo.* 66], inclosing a petition from several merchants of Bristol, complaining of the conduct of Colonel Parke, Governor of the Leeward Islands.

Then agreed to proceed in the further consideration of the said complaints to-morrow morning.

July 5. Present :—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

*Leeward Islands.
Mr. Nevin.
Complaints against
Col. Parke.*

Mr. Nevin attending in relation to the complaints against Colonel Park, Governor of the Leeward Islands [*fo.* 96, 150], he acquainted their lordships that he had some more papers touching the said complaints, and that he had received information that five ships were arrived in Ireland, and did expect by them to have other papers to prove the said articles of complaint, and desiring to know whether he should lay what he has already, or stay till he receives those from Ireland, and then lay them altogether before the Board ; he was told that he would do well to bring those he had already [*fo.* 152], which he promised to do to-morrow morning.

*Representation
thereupon.*

Ordered that the draught of a representation be prepared for laying the said complaints before her Majesty [*fo.* 149, 153], with their lordships' opinion, that it is just and reasonable the said articles be sent to Colonel Park for his answer thereunto.

*Plantations General.
Pirates
at Madagascar.*

*Letter to the Marquis
of Carmarthen.*

The secretary acquainting their lordships that the Marquis of Carmarthen desired to know whether Fryday would not be a convenient day to attend their lordships [*fo.* 144] ; ordered that he have notice the Board will be ready that day, to hear what he may have to offer in relation to the pirates at Madagascar.

A memorial from the Earl of Moreton, Mr. Egerton and others, inclosing a copy of a petition to her Majesty, in the name of the pirates at Madagascar, praying her Majesty's pardon, with an annex'd paper containing the names of the trustees proposed by the said pirates for receiving their effects &c., were read.

Mr. Penn attending, communicated to their lordships an Order of Council of the 23rd of the last month [*fo. 5*], dismissing the Lord Baltimore's petition against an Order of the 13th of November, 1685, for settling the boundaries between Pennsylvania and Maryland, and confirming the said Order; whereupon directions were given for taking a copy of the said Order of the 23rd of the last month, to be enter'd in the books of this office.

A letter from Mr. Bendysh, with a memorial, desiring a recommendation letter from their lordships to Colonel Park &c., in favour of Mr. Jurdin, who is gone to Antego to take possession of an estate left him there, were read; whereupon ordered that Colonel Park be writ to accordingly.

July 6. Present:—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

The secretary acquainted their lordships that Mr. Nevin had this morning left with him five affidavits [*fo. 150, 156*], which he desired might be returned him [*fo. 160*], together with the former left here, when their lordships should have considered the same. The said affidavits are as follows, vizt.: the affidavits of James Field, Richard Cochran and Jeffry Duncombs, relating to soldiers being sent to seize Barry Tankard, esquire, for a contemptuous behaviour towards Colonel Park; the affidavits of Samuel Walker and Francis Carlisle touching what Colonel Park said in relation to the summoning of jurors; which affidavits were read.

Lieutenant General Harvey attending, and desiring that Mr. Thomas Betts might be put upon the list of counsellors, in order to supply the first vacancy that may happen in Jamaica, he was acquainted that the Duke of Bolton had formerly recommended the said Betts, but that afterwards, upon his Grace's notifying to this Board that he would not interest himself in that matter, the said Betts was struck off the list. And Lieutenant General Harvey now recommending him as a fit person to serve her Majesty as a counsellor there, and acquainting the Board that the Duke of Bolton is satisfy'd that the said Betts should stand upon the list, his name was again incerted in the said list, to supply the first vacancy in that Council.

The draught of a representation upon the complaint against Colonel Park [*fo. 150, 156*], as directed yesterday, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

The draught of a letter to Colonel Park, as directed yesterday [*fo. 151, 156*], in favour of Mr. Richard Jurdine, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

A letter from Mr. Crow, Governor of Barbadoes, dated the 18th of May last, was read, and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt.:

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*Memorial from the
Earl of Morton &c.
Copy of the pirates'
petition &c.*

*Maryland.
Pennsylvania.
Boundaries.
Order of Council.*

*Leeward Islands.
Letter from Mr.
Bendysh.
Memorial in favour
of Mr. Jurdin.
Letter to Col. Parke
in his behalf.*

*Leeward Islands.
Affidavits against
Col. Park.*

*Jamaica.
Mr. Betts recom-
mended to be of the
Council.*

And put on the list.

*Leeward Islands.
Complaints against
Col. Parke.
Representation.
Letter to the
Governor.*

*Barbadoes.
Letter from the
Governor.*

1709.

*Papers of publick
proceedings.*

Mr. Crow's speech to the Assembly at their first sitting, after the new election, with their address of thanks &c. thereupon.

Minutes of Council of the 12th of May, 1709, relating chiefly to the not restoring the three suspended counsellors to their places.

Four of the members of Council's approbation of the Assemblée's address for suspending the readmission of Mr. Sharp &c. to the Council.

Copy of an address from the Assembly of Barbadoes to her Majesty, against Mr. Sharp, Mr. Beresford and Mr. Walker, three of the members of Council.

Mr. Crow's answer to the memorial of Mr. Sharp &c., praying that affidavits may be taken to make good their complaints against him.

Copy of the Assembly's Address of thanks to Mr. Crow for not admitting the three counsellors to their places.

Two affidavits of Mr. Cryer relating to Mr. Walker's promising Mr. Crow money if he would stop the proceedings of the Sessions against him, and to Alexander Walker's saying what he would do in case Mr. Crow would join with their party &c.

The affidavit of Mr. Gilbert Ramsey, relating to Mr. Beresford's discourse about the living of Bridge parish in Barbadoes.

July 8. Present:—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

A copy of her Majesty's letter mandatory to Mr. Crow, Governor of Barbadoes [*fo.* 143], upon his refusal to readmit the three suspended counsellors, and to swear such witnesses as they had to produce against him; dated the 2nd of July, 1709, was read.

Two affidavits of Jedidiah Hutchinson sworn before Mr. Pitt the 7th instant [*fo.* 152], relating to complaints at St. Christopher's against Colonel Parke, were read.

A representation upon the complaints against Colonel Parke [*fo.* 153], as agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

A letter to Colonel Parke in favour of Mr. Richard Jurdine [*fo.* 153], as agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

A caveat from Sir John Colleton against Mr. John Colleton in Barbadoes [*K. fo.* 71], praying that the said John Colleton may not be appointed a member of Council in that island, untill a cause that is depending between them shall be determined there, was read; whereupon ordered that the same be noted on the list of counsellors accordingly.

A memorial from New England, relating to the French settlements on Canada, lately received from Sir Stephen Evans, was laid before the Board and read.

July 11. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

Barbadoes.

*Queen's letter to Mr.
Crow.*

*Readmission of three
suspended
counsellors &c.*

Leeward Islands.

*Affidavits.
Complaints against
Col. Parke.*

*Representation on
that subject.*

*Letter to Col. Parke
in favour of Mr.
Jurdine.*

Barbadoes.

*Caveat against Mr.
Colleton's being of
the Council.*

New England.

*Memorial about
French settlements
on Canada.*

A letter from the Earl of Sunderland of the 28th of the last month, referring to the Board a petition of George Ritter and Francis Lewis Michel, relating to the settling of a colony of Switzers upon Potomack River in Virginia, was read [fo. 161], and the said Michel and Christopher de Graffenried attending, they presented to their lordships a new proposal upon that matter, and desired to withdraw what had been referr'd to their lordships; and signifying that Mr. Stanyan, her Majesty's envoy in Swisserland, was apprized thereof, they were desired to bring Mr. Stanyan to the Board on Wednesday morning next.

A letter from Colonel Bennet, Governor of Bermuda, of the 1st of March, 170⁹, acknowledging the Board's letter of the 4th of August, 1708 [M. fo. 265], relating to accounts of remains of stores of war in the magazines of that island, was read.

Another letter from Colonel Bennet, dated the 1st of March, 170⁹, was also read, and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board and are as follows, vizt.:

List of the present Council of Bermuda, by which it appears there are now five vacancies there.

Six Acts past in Bermuda in 1703, 1704, August, 1706, and May, 1707.

Whereupon ordered that the draught of a representation be prepared upon paragraph C of the said letter [fo. 161], relating to the want of counsellors in that island, proposing that Mr. Samuel Sherlock, Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. William Outerbridge, Mr. Leonard White, and Mr. John Peasly be members of her Majesty's Council in that island, according to Colonel Bennet's recommendation in his letter of the 10th of February, 170⁷.

A letter from Brigadier Handasyd, Governor of Jamaica, dated the 6th of April last, together with the following papers referred to therein were read, vizt.:

A state of the case in relation to a judgment that passed at the Grand Court in Jamaica against the Naval Officer there, upon his seizing a Spanish brigantine &c.

An address from the Chief Justice and Judges at Jamaica to Brigadier Handasyd, in favour of a soldier under sentence of death for killing a man.

Whereupon ordered that paragraph I of the said letter, relating to the seizure of the brigantine aforementioned, and copy of the case touching the same be sent to the Lord High Admiral [fo. 160], and that the draught of a letter to the Earl of Sunderland be prepared for transmitting what Brigadier Handasyd writes in Par. K of the same letter, relating to the soldier above-mentioned, as likewise a copy of the said address.

The secretary acquainting their lordships that Mr. Nevin had desired that the depositions he had laid before the Board to make good the complaints exhibited against Colonel Parke might be returned him [fo. 152, 180]; ordered that copies of the said proofs be first taken, and that the originals be then returned to Mr. Nevin accordingly.

July 13. Present:—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

1709.

Virginia.

Reference from the Earl of Sunderland about a colony of Switzers &c. Memorial from Mr. Graffenried &c. on the same subject.

Mr. Stanyan to attend.

Bermuda.

Letter from the Governor.

Another letter.

Papers of publick proceedings.

Draft of representation to be prepared about new counsellors.

Jamaica.

Letter from the Governor.

Papers of publick proceedings.

Paragraph I &c. about brigantine to be sent to the Lord High Admiral. and Paragraph K to Earl of Sunderland

Leeward Islands.

Proofs to complaints against Col. Parke to be returned to Mr. Nevin.

1709.

Jamaica.

*Letter to
Earl of Sunderland
about a serjeant under
sentence of death.*

Virginia.

*Mr. Stanyan and
others about colony of
Switzers.*

A letter to the Earl of Sunderland, relating to the case of a serjeant under sentence of death [fo. 159] for killing a man in Jamaica, mentioned in the minutes of the 11th instant, was signed.

Mr. Stanyan, envoy to the Swiss Cantons, with Mr. Christopher de Graffenried, and Mr. Lowis Michell, attending, they presented to their lordships a new memorial relating to the settling a colony of Switzers mention'd in the last minutes [fo. 157, 164], which was read; and these gentlemen being asked under what terms they desired such a settlement should be made, they said that they could not propose any other than the enjoying the same privileges as the rest of her Majesty's subjects in those parts did; and these gentlemen being withdrawn, their lordships agreed to take the same into consideration at the first opportunity.

A representation proposing five new counsellors for Bermuda [fo. 158], as directed the 11th instant, was signed.

Bermuda.

*Representation for
five new counsellors.*

Leeward Islands.

*Letter from the
Governor.*

*Papers of publick
proceedings.*

Mr. Micajah Perry attending [fo. 91], presented to their lordships a letter from Colonel Parke, Governor of the Leeward Islands, dated the 4th of May last, together with the several papers referr'd to therein, which are as follows, vizt.:

Affidavits of the officers of the regiment in the Leeward Islands, relating to the complaints against Colonel Parke, justifying him from the same, sworn in Council the 12th November, 1708. *Duplicate.*

Copy of an address from the Lieutenant Governor and Councill of St. Christopher's to her Majesty, in favour of Colonel Parke.

Address from the freeholders, merchants, planters, traders and inhabitants of Antego to her Majesty [fo. 199], in favour of Colonel Parke.

Address from the Councill and Assembly of Montserrat to her Majesty, justifying Colonel Parke from the complaints against him.

An account of stores and ammunition in the island of Antigua, taken the 10th of February, 1708.

Number of inhabitants in Martinico, with their slaves &c., not including the soldiers, given in the 1st of January, 1708.

Minutes of Councill of Antego from the 27th July, 1708, to 15th March, 1708.

Minutes of Council of Antego from the 19th March, 1708, to the 28th of April following.

An Act for raising as well by way of poll tax on negroes, and other slaves belonging to the plantations, and inhabitants of the country part of this island; and also on the freeholders, householders and traders of the several towns of the same.

An additional clause to the Act entituled *An Act for the more easy repairing the highways*. Both dated the 13th April, 1709.

*Address in favour of
Col. Parke.*

Mr. Perry also presented to their lordships an address to the Board, signed by the masters of ships and other vessells lying in the harbour of Antego, in favour of Colonel Parke, which was read;

and their lordships agreed to take the foremention'd letter and papers into consideration on Friday next.

The draughts of letters to the Governors of Jamaica, Bermuda and Barbadoes [*fo.* 165], was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

July 15. Present :—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

Their lordships took into consideration the three addresses from the Leeward Islands to her Majesty [*fo.* 162, 163], mentioned in the minutes of the 13th instant, and thereupon a letter to the Earl of Sunderland, inclosing the same, was signed.

Mr. Roos, her Majesty's seal cutter, attending, presented to their lordships two new large silver seals, one for Barbadoes, the other for the Leeward Islands, for which the secretary was directed to give him a receipt, and the same was done accordingly.

A third memorial from Monsieur de Graffenried and Mr. Louis Michel [*fo.* 161, 166], relating to their proposal for settling a colony of Switzers at Potomack in Virginia, was read ; whereupon ordered that Mr. Micaiah Perry and Mr. Hyde, with one or two more of the principal merchants trading to Virginia, have notice to attend the Board on Tuesday morning next ; further ordered that Colonel Blakiston have notice to attend at the same time.

Letters to the Governors of Jamaica, Bermuda, and Barbadoes [*fo.* 163], as agreed at the last meeting, were signed.

July 18. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter from Colonel Seymour, Governor of Maryland, dated the 18th of November, 1708, in answer to one writ him the 15th of April foregoing [*M. fo.* 111], relating to negroes imported into Maryland by the Royal Affrican Company and separate traders, was read ; and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

List of negroes imported into Maryland from Midsummer, 1698, to Christmas, 1707.

List of negroes imported into Maryland from Christmas, 1707, to Christmas, 1707[-8].

July 19. Present :—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows.

Mr. Perry and Mr. Hyde attending [*fo.* 164], as they had been desired the 15th instant, the reference from the Earl of Sunderland of the 28th of June, relating to the settling of a colony of Switzers in Virginia, was read ; as was likewise the translation of a proposal presented to their lordships by Mr. Graffenried and Mr. Michel upon that subject, the 15th instant ; whereupon these gentlemen being ask'd their opinion in this matter, they said that the settling of such a colony as proposed would certainly be of great advantage in strengthening the frontiers, and increasing the trade, so that they did not see any objection could be made to it, and therefore they were of opinion it ought to be encouraged. Whereupon ordered [*fo.* 168] that the draught of a letter be prepared to the Earl of Sunderland for laying the same before her Majesty.

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Jamaica.
Bermuda.
Barbadoes.
*Letters to the
Governors.*

Leeward Islands.
*Letter to the
Earl of Sunderland
inclosing three
addresses.*

Barbadoes.
Leeward Islands.
Two new seals.

Virginia.
*Third memorial
about a colony of
Switzers.
Mr. Perry &c. to
attend.*

Jamaica.
Bermuda.
Barbadoes.
*Letters to the
Governors.*

Maryland.
*Letter from the
Governor.*

*Papers of publick
proceedings.*

Virginia.
*Mr. Perry and Mr.
Hyde about colony of
Switzers.*

*They agree the same
will be of advantage.*

1709.

Jamaica.

*Letter from the
Governor.
Answer.*

Virginia.

*Letter to the
President of the
Council.*

Barbadoes.

*Order of Council on
Bently's petition
about a lawsuit
between him and
Downes.
Agent summoned.*

Virginia.

*Letter to the
Earl of Sunderland
about colony of
Switzers.*

July 25. Present:—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter from Brigadier Handasyd, Governor of Jamaica, dated the first of May last, was read, and directions given for adding a postscript to the letter to him, which was signed the 15th instant [fo. 69], which was done accordingly.

The draught of a letter to Colonel Jennings, President of the Council of Virginia [fo. 171], was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

An Order of Council of the 18th instant [fo. 169], referring to this Board the petition of Mr. John Bently and Elizabeth his wife to her Majesty, relating to a law suit depending between the said Bently and Mr. Downs, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, for the precinct of St. Michael's in Barbadoes was read; whereupon ordered that the agent to the said Bentley have notice to attend the Board on Wednesday next.

A letter to the Earl of Sunderland, relating to the settling of a colony of Switzers at Potomac in Virginia [fo. 167, 261], as directed at the last meeting, was signed.

July 27. Present:—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner.

An Order of Council of the 18th instant, referring to this Board the petition of Robert D'Oyly, clerk, late of her Majesty's colony of Virginia, deceased, touching the guardianship of the said Cope D'Oyley's two sons, and praying that the said children may be sent over from thence, with their effects to this kingdom, to the care and tuition of the petitioner, was read, and the petitioner attending at the same time, and being asked several questions in relation to the said children, he said that there is yet a plantation belonging to them in that colony, but that the stock thereof, having been sold by order of the Court, under whose care the said children were, the same remains waste and uncultivated, their lordships having taken this matter into consideration, ordered [fo. 194] that a copy of the foremention'd petition be sent to Mr. Solicitor General, for his opinion what her Majesty may legally do in behalf of the petitioner.

Mr. William Walker and Mr. John Gellibrand, agents for Mr. Bently, attending, the Order of Council of the 18th instant [fo. 167, 173], referring to this Board the petition of the said Bently to her Majesty, touching a lawsuit depending between him and Mr. Downs, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the precinct of St. Michael's in Barbadoes (mentioned in the minutes of the 25th instant), was again read; and the said agents being asked several questions thereupon, Mr. Walker said that Mr. Roberts, one of the assistants in the said Court, had refused to act by reason of his being an agent for the sale of negroes, and thereby liable to the penalty of the Act of Parliament in that behalf; that another of the assistants in the said Court had also refused to attend the service thereof for fear of the small-pox. He added that, upon these delays, Mr. Bently petition'd Mr. Crow to appoint another assistant

Virginia.

*Order of Council on
the petition of Mr.
D'Oyley touching the
guardianship of his
brother's children.*

*Copy of the said peti-
tion sent to Mr.
Solicitor General for
his opinion what may
be done therein.*

Barbadoes.

*Mr. Walker and Mr.
Gellibrand at the
Board about lawsuit
between Mr. Bently
and Mr. Downes.*

in the room of Mr. Roberts, for the dispatch of his cause, who, instead of complying with so just a request, referr'd the petitioner back to Mr. Downs, who is a party concerned therein, as appears by the copy of the said petition, and Mr. Crow's reference produced to their lordships by the said Walker. Then these agents being withdrawn, their lordships gave directions for preparing the draught of a representation thereupon.

Mr. Royle, one of the agents for Barbadoes, attending, he acquainted their lordships that there was to be a hearing before a Committee of the Council on Saturday next, upon the complaints of Mr. Lillington [K. fo. 212], touching 2,000*l.*, the said Lillington was formerly compell'd to pay in Barbadoes, and the said Royle, desiring that he might have the several papers in this office concerning that matter to make use of at the said Committee, he was told that if he would give the secretary a list of such papers [as] he should want, their lordships would then give directions to one of their own clerks to attend the Committee with the said papers accordingly.

A letter to Colonel Jennings, President of the Council of Virginia [fo. 167], was signed.

A petition from Mr. Roger Mompesson, Chief Justice of New York [fo. 127], to their lordships, praying that he may be continued in that station, was read; whereupon ordered that Mr. Goff (agent for that province) be acquainted that their lordships think it will be more regular to petition her Majesty, and that if it be then referr'd to the Board, their lordships will report their opinion thereupon.

July 30. Present:—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner.

A reference from the Commissioners appointed to receive and dispose of the money collected for the settlement of the poor Palatines [fo. 174, 179], upon a proposal for settling 200 families of them in Jamaica, was read; whereupon ordered that Sir Bartholomew Gracedieu, Mr. Harris, Mr. Whitchurch, Mr. Way, some of the proposers have notice to attend the Board on Tuesday morning next [fo. 176], as also Sir Gilbert Heathcote, Sir Theodore Jansen and Mr. Dolben.

Mr. William Heysham and Mr. Royle attending, communicated to the Board an Act past in Barbadoes the 16th of May, 1709 [fo. 233], appointing them agent for the said island, which Act was read.

August 2. Present:—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner.

A representation on the reference of the 18th of the last month [fo. 169, 261], upon the petition of Mr. Bently (mentioned in the minutes of the 27th ditto), relating to a lawsuit depending between him and Mr. Downs, Judge of a Court of Common Pleas in Barbadoes, was signed.

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Representation to be drawn.

Barbadoes.

Mr. Royle desiring papers to make use of at a hearing relating to Mr. Lillington.

Virginia.

Letter to Col. Jennings.

New York.

Petition from Mr. Mompesson about place of Chief Justice.

Letter to Mr. Gough thereupon.

Jamaica.

Reference upon a proposal for settling 200 families of poor Palatines.

Proposers to attend.

Barbadoes.

Mr. Heysham and Royle appointed by an Act agents of the island.

Barbadoes.

Representation on the petition of Mr. Bently about a lawsuit with Mr. Downs.

1709.

*Order of Council
revoking one upon an
address from the
Assembly about pro-
ceedings against Mr.
Walker.*

Letter from Mr. Crow.

*Letter from Mr.
Sharpe, Mr. Walker
&c.*

*Papers therein
referr'd to.*

*Jamaica.
Miscellanies.
Mr. Onslow and Col.
Lloyd.*

*Objections against
the proposal for set-
tling some Palatines
at Jamaica.*

*Mr. Onslow and Col.
Lloyd's proposal.*

Copy of an Order of Council of the 11th of the last month [*fo.* 119], revoking an Order of Council of the 19th of May foregoing, referring to the Board an address from the Assembly of Barbadoes to her Majesty, relating to the proceedings of a Court of Grand Sessions against Mr. Walker &c., mentioned in the minutes of the 1st of June last, was read.

A letter from Mr. Crow, Governor of Barbadoes, of the 20th of June, 1709, was read.

A letter from Colonel Sharp, Mr. Alexander Walker and Mr. Beresford, three of the members of Council of Barbadoes, dated the 18th of June, 1709 [*fo.* 183], was read, and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

Representation from Mr. Sharp, Mr. Walker and Mr. Beresford, to Mr. Crowe, Governor of Barbadoes, together with the proofs to the several articles of complaints against him.

Letter from Mr. Sharp to Mr. Crow, and the Council of Barbadoes, justifying himself from a report spread in Barbadoes of his being a forger of bonds &c.

Copy of an address from the Gentlemen Merchants, planters, freeholders and other inhabitants of Barbadoes, to Mr. Crow, Governor of the said island, complaining of his adhering to an address from the Assembly against his admitting the three suspended Counsellors to their respective places in the Council there.

Mr. Onslow and Colonel Lloyd attending [*fo.* 172], the proposal for sending 200 families of Palatines to Jamaica, mentioned in the minutes of the 30th of the last month, was again read ; whereupon these gentlemen said that they had some objections to make in behalf of themselves and other planters, to the said proposal, particularly to that article, which relates to the sending of negroes to make the settlement for the said Palatines ; for besides that this would be an invasion of their property, it would also be a great hardship upon them, in having their own plantation works stand still, whilst their negroes were sent at such a distance (some perhaps above 100 miles) and employ'd for the settlement of the said Palatines, and therefore they said they were well assured the planters would never agree thereto. They added that they thought this proposal the more hard upon them that were planters, for that not one of the proposers is either a planter or has any negroes there. They were of opinion that the settlement ought not to be upon Linche's Island, but on the main island, and therefore the erecting of hutts on Linche's Island, ought only to be for their immediate reception, till their settlement could be perfected on the main. They further said that the heirs of Sir Thomas Lynch have a grant of the said Linche's Island, and of about 10,000 acres near Port St. Antonio ; that Colonel Cope had also a grant of 2,500 acres near the same place, which are now in the possession of one Mr. Woodcock ; but as none of these lands have been settled or cultivated, they may be reassumed to her Majesty, or the proprietors compounded with on easy terms. Then these gentlemen delivered to their lordships a proposal of their own

[fo. 177], which was read, and found in the main to agree with what was already referr'd to this Board.

These gentlemen being withdrawn, Sir Gilbert Heathcote, Sir Bartholomew Gracedieu, Sir Theodore Jansen and Mr. Whitchurch attending [fo. 172], they were acquainted with the objections that had been made in behalf of the planters, to the sending of negroes to work as aforesaid; whereupon they said that they did not mean that there should be any compulsory power lodged in the Governor or Assembly to oblige the sending of negroes as above-mentioned; but only that the Governor be directed to move the Assembly to send their negroes, or, if they liked it better, to contribute a sufficient sum towards the making the said settlements, which they thought the Assembly wou'd readily comply with, in consideration of the advantage that will accrue to Jamaica itself by this proposed settlement there.

Then the proposal of Mr. Onslow and Colonel Lloyd was again read [fo. 176], whereupon these gentlemen said that they agreed to the said three first articles: but they thought that a year and a half's provision to be allow'd the Palatines, mention'd in the 4th article, was too much; for that there were pease and several other sorts of pulse that came to perfection in six weeks after their being sown, besides great plenty of fish on the coast, and wild hogs in the woods.

They agreed to the 5th article, but they thought it unreasonable that this kingdom should be wholly at the charge of this settlement, as proposed in the 6th article; for that Jamaica would have an immediate and proportionable share in the benefit accruing thereby.

The 7th article relates to the charge. They agree that six pound per head for transportation was reasonable. As to subsistence, they thought five pound per head sufficient. They thought two pound per head would suffice for buying cloaths, tools, netts, fuzees, powder and shot; and as to the clearing the land, the charge whereof is estimated at 3*l*. per acre, they were of opinion that ought to be left to the Assembly to provide for the defraying thereof.

These gentlemen being withdrawn, their lordships gave directions for preparing a report upon the whole matter.

August 3. Present:—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner.

A report upon the proposal for settling two hundred families of the poor Palatines at Jamaica [fo. 172, 218], referr'd to this Board by the Right Honourable the Lords and others, her Majesty's Commissioners for receiving and disposing of the mony to be collected for the said Palatines, as directed yesterday, was signed, and sent in a letter from the secretary to Mr. Bendish, secretary to the said Commissioners.

August 5. Present:—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter from Colonel Park, Governor of the Leeward Islands, dated the 20th of June, 1709, relating to the complaints against him, was read.

1709.

*Sir Gilbert
Heathcote and others
present.
Answer to the afore-
said objections.*

*Their observations on
Mr. Onslow's and
Col. Lloyd's pro-
posals.*

Report.

*Jamaica.
Report on the pro-
posalls for settling 200
families of poor
Palatines.
Letter to Mr.
Bendish inclosing
the same.*

*Leeward Islands.
Letter from Col. Park.*

1709.

*Letter from the
Council of Antegoa
in favour of Col.
Yeamans.*

*Letter from the
Lieutenant Governor
and Council of
Antigua about articles
against Col. Parke.
Depositions &c. re-
lating thereto.*

Miscellanies.

*Letter from Mr.
Taylour by order of the
Lord High
Treasurer.
Settlement of the poor
Palatines.*

*Letter to Mr.
Tribbeko and Ruperti.
Number and qualifi-
cations of Palatines
lately arrived.*

*Resolutions relating
to the said Palatines.*

A letter from the members of the Council of Antego, of the 20th of June, 1709, in favour of Colonel Yeamans, Lieutenant Governor of the said island, was read.

A letter from the Lieutenant Governor and Council of Antego of the 20th of June, 1709 [*fo.* 160] with their opinions on the articles of complaint against Colonel Park were read, and several depositions and other papers in proof of the said opinion were laid before the Board.

August 8. Present:—Lord Dartmouth, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter from Mr. Taylour, of the 6th instant, by order of the Lord Treasurer [*fo.* 183], desiring this Board to form such a proposal as they shall think most proper for the speedy settling of the poor Palatines, or any number of them, in such manner as may soonest lesson (*sic*) or put an end to the expence the Government is now at for their subsistence, was read; whereupon ordered that the secretary do write to Mr. Tribbeko, and Mr. Ruperti to know the number and qualifications of these poor people that are arrived here since the 11th of June last, the time when their last account ended.

Their lordships then entred upon the consideration of the said letter, and came to the following resolutions, vizt.:

To propose that an encouragement be given to such particular persons or parishes, as shall be willing to receive any family or families of the poor Palatines.

That it may be reasonable to allow to such persons or parishes, the sum of five pound per head for the said encouragement, and the Queen to be at the charge of delivering the said Palatines at the respective places, to which they shall be required to go.

That such persons or parishes as shall receive such Palatines, do in writing acknowledge the receipt of the money, and the consideration for which it is paid them, vizt.: That the said Palatines shall not from thenceforward be any further burthen to the Crown, and that in relation to such of the said Palatines as shall not be taken off by this proposal, their lordships will consider of the most proper method for settling them in their (*sic*) Majesty's plantations on the Continent of America.

An Order of Councill of the 25th of the last month, referring to their lordships the petition of Mr. John Sober, merchant [*fo.* 188], complaining of the proceedings of Mr. Crow, Governor of Barbadoes, and praying relief therein, was read; whereupon ordered that the said Sober have notice to attend the Board on Wednesday morning next.

A letter from Mr. Crow, Governor of Barbadoes, of the 9th of May last, was read, and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt.:

Minutes of Council from the 6th of January, 170⁸/₉, to the 29th of March following.

*Papers therein
referr'd to.*

Letter from Mr. Crow.

Barbadoes.
*Order of Council.
Petition of Mr. Sober
against Mr. Crow.*

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Minutes of Assembly of Barbadoes from the 22nd March, 1708, to the 4th of May following.

The letter from Mr. Sharp, Mr. Walker and Mr. Berresford, of the 18th of June last, transmitting their proofs to the several articles of complaint exhibited against Mr. Crow [fo. 174, 185], mentioned in the minutes of the 2nd instant, was again read; and their lordships agreed to take the said proofs into consideration on Wednesday morning next.

August 9. Present:—Lord Dartmouth, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter to the Lord High Treasurer [fo. 180, 186], proposing a method for settling and disposing of some of the poor Palatines, as directed at the last meeting, was agreed and signed, and sent in a letter from the secretary to Mr. Taylour, desiring him to lay the same before his Lordship.

Their lordships then agreed to consider of a method on Thursday next for transporting to the Continent of America such Palatines as should be unprovided for here.

A letter from the Lords Proprietors of Carolina, of yesterday's date, in answer to one writ them the 2nd of February last [fo. 6, 196], relating to the seizure of some goods belonging to the Indian traders of Virginia, was read; and directions given for laying all the papers in this office touching that matter before their lordships.

Then their lordships took into consideration the remainder of the Acts past in Pennsylvania in 1705 [fo. 110, 210], mentioned in the minutes of the 24th of May last, and went through the same, and gave directions that five of the said Acts be sent to Mr. Attorney General for his opinion thereupon in point of law.

The titles of which Acts are as follows, vizt.:

An Act against riotous sports, plays and games.

An Act limiting the presentments of the Grand Jury.

An Act for the further confirmation of the owners of lands and inhabitants of this province, in their just rights and possessions.

An Act for the acknowledging and recording of deeds.

An Act for taking lands in execution for payment of debts.

August 10. Present:—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

Their lordships now, as they had agreed the eighth instant [fo. 183, 189], took into consideration the articles of complaint exhibited against Mr. Crow by Mr. Sharp, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Beresford, and read nine of the said articles, as also the proofs transmitted by the complainants (mentioned in the minutes of 2nd instant). Their lordships likewise read the complainants' observations upon the said articles, together with Mr. Crow's answer (which was read the 24th of January last) [M. fo. 419], and resolved to proceed further upon the said complaints, at the first opportunity.

August 11. Present:—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

Letter from Mr. Sharp, Walker and Beresford. Proofs of complaints against Mr. Crow.

Miscellanies.

Letter to the Lord High Treasurer.

Settlement of poor Palatines.

Letter to Mr. Taylor.

Miscellanies.

Plantations General. Palatines to be settled in America.

Carolina.

Letter from the Lords Proprietors. Indian traders of Virginia.

Virginia.

Pennsylvania.

Acts considered.

Letter to Mr. Attorney General for his opinion on 5 of them.

Barbadoes.

Complaints against Mr. Crow.

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Plantations General.
*Palatines to be settled
 in America.*

Jamaica.
Col. Laws.

New York.
*Enquiry to be made
 about transporting the
 Lutherans sent to New
 York.*

New England.
New Jersey.
Bermuda.
New seals.

Barbadoes.
*Mr. Sober &c. about
 the indecencies offer'd
 to his wife by Mr.
 Crow.*

Barbadoes.
*Complaints against
 Mr. Crow.*

New York.
*Enquiry of what was
 done in relation to
 tools &c. for
 Lutherans.
 Answer.*

Their lordships (as they had agreed the 9th instant) took into consideration the settling some of the poor Palatines in America [fo. 183, 192], and ordered that Colonel Laws be desired to attend the Board on Monday or Tuesday morning next, or any other day he should find more convenient to his own affairs.

Then their lordships were pleased to order that inquiry should be made in the Treasury to know what directions had been given by the Lord Treasurer, upon the Order of Council of the 10th of May, 1708 [M. fo. 152; fo. 189] (read the 21st of the same month), relating to the transportation &c. of the Lutherans sent over to New York with the Lord Lovelace, Governor of that province.

Mr. Roos, her Majesty's seal cutter, attending, presented to their lordships four new smal silver seals for the provinces of the Massachusetts Bay, New Hampshire and New Jersey, and the Bermuda Islands, for which the secretary was directed to give him a receipt, and the same was done accordingly.

August 12. Present:—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

Mr. John Sober, with several other Barbadoes gentlemen, attending [fo. 182, 194], the Order of Council of the 25th of July last, referring to the Board the petition of the said Sober, complaining of Mr. Crow, was again read; and the said Sober being asked several questions, he gave an account of the indecencies offer'd to his wife by Mr. Crow, much to the same purpose, as is set forth in his affidavit annexed to the forementioned Order of Council; and being then asked what were the particular words for which Mr. Crow would have prosecuted him, he said that being exasperated at what Mr. Crow had done, he had said in company that as the Queen's Governor he would respect Mr. Crow and pay him all the deference imaginable; but if Mr. Crow had been a private man, he would then have said that he was a scout and a scoundrel. This was what offended Mr. Crow, and Mr. Crow's intended prosecution was the only thing that forced him from the island, and that still hindred his returning thither; that if he could obtain her Majesty's letter, requiring the Governor not to prosecute him at the Queen's suit, he would venture to return back; these gentlemen being withdrawn, their lordships resolved (after they had gone through the articles against Mr. Crow), to represent this case of Sober's to her Majesty.

Then their lordships entered again upon the consideration of the articles against Mr. Crow [fo. 185, 190], with the proofs and his defence, and went through eleven of the said articles, and resolved to proceed further on Monday morning next.

The secretary acquainted their lordships that having made enquiry at the Treasury of what was done in relation to the Lutherans sent to New York [fo. 187], as directed at the last meeting, he was informed that 655*li.* had been advanced for tools, utensils, cloaths &c., for the said Germans, and by a letter from the Lord Lovelace, dated in New Jersey the 4th of March last, to the Lord High Treasurer, it appear'd that the Lord Lovelace had not had any directions for subsisting the said Lutherans there;

that he had done it upon his own credit, and intended to draw bills for his reimbursements, an extract of which letter was laid before their lordships.

August 15. Present :—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

Their lordships proceeded in the consideration of the articles of complaint against Mr. Crow [*fo.* 189, 192], with the proofs to the said articles, and his defence thereto, and went through the same; whereupon ordered that the draught of a representation be prepared for laying the same before her Majesty.

The secretary having received from Mr. William Walker a state of the case of the three members of Council of Barbadoes, with relation to the proceedings against them in that island, laid the same before the Board, which was read.

A letter from Mr. Cox and Major Pilgrim, two of the Council of Barbadoes, of the 4th of May, 1709, relating to Mr. Crow's proceedings touching the readmission of the three suspended counsellors, was read.

A letter from Mr. Newport to the secretary, dated in Barbadoes the 16th of June, 1709, together with his affidavit, relating to the complaints against Mr. Crow, were read.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Boyle of the 9th of August, 1709 [*fo.* 275], referring to the Board a representation from the merchants in Portugal to the Earl of Galway, setting forth their grievances there, was read; and their lordships agreed to take the said grievances into consideration at a convenient opportunity.

August 17. Present :—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle for a copy of the marriage treaty of King Charles the Second, was signed.

Their lordships took into consideration the draught of a representation upon the articles of complaint against Mr. Crow, Governor of Barbadoes [*fo.* 190, 194], as directed at the last meeting, and made a progress therein.

Colonel Laws attending, as he had been desired the 11th instant [*fo.* 186, 197], and being asked several questions in relation to the settling of a colony of Palatines on the Island of Jamaica, he said that the advantage of sending such a colony, both to this kingdom and to Jamaica, is so very great that in his opinion it ought to be done almost at any rate, for the white people there are so much decreased that there are not above 2,500 men able to bear arms, and that they had 40,000 negroes at least; that there was great quantities of land unsettled, more than sufficient to plant 50,000 families, but the properest place of settling these Palatines he thought would be on that part of the island, opposite to Lynche's Island; that Lynche's Island ought to be cleared, and little hutts built at the charge of the island, for the immediate reception of the Palatines, till they should be able themselves to make their own

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*Extract of a letter
from Lord Lovelace.*

Barbadoes.
*Complaints against
Mr. Crow.
Draft of
Representation.*

*State of the case of
the three members.*

Barbadoes.
*Letter from Mr. Cox
and Mr. Pilgrim
about Mr. Crow.*

*Letter from Mr.
Newport and affidavit
about Mr. Crow.*

Trade.
*Reference about
grievances of the mer-
chants in Portugal.*

Trade.
*Letter to Mr. Secretary
Boyle,
King Charles's mar-
riage treaty.*

Barbadoes.
*Representation upon
articles of complaint
against Mr. Crow.*

Jamaica.
*Col. Laws.
Palatines to be settled
in Jamaica.*

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plantations on the main island; that the said Palatines ought to have one year's subsistence, or nine months' at the least, though there are several sorts of pulse that will come up, and be fit to be gathered, in less than six months, besides vast quantity of fowle and hoggs in the woods, turtle on the coast, and fish in the rivers; that he thought 5 acres of land to each family might be sufficient for them to cultivate and improve. He added that in case the inhabitants would not be at the charge of clearing Lynche's Island, and building hutts there as aforesaid, that then it might be done for 5*l.* an acre at the most, which would not amount to 500*l.*, the said island not containing fourscore acres: then, being desired to put his thoughts more particularly in writing, he promised to do the same, and bring it to their lordships the beginning of the next week.

August 18. Present:—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

Virginia.
*Letter from Mr.
Solicitor General upon
Mr. D'Oyley's peti-
tion.*

A letter from Mr. Solicitor General, in answer to one writ him the 27th of July, 1709, upon the petition of Mr. D'Oyley [*fo.* 169, 253], relating to the guardianship of his brother's children in Virginia, was read; whereupon ordered that the next time the said D'Oyley shall attend, he be acquainted with Mr. Solicitor's opinion on his said petition.

Barbadoes.
*Representation upon
articles against Mr.
Crow.*

The draught of a representation upon the articles of complaint against Mr. Crow, Governor of Barbadoes [*fo.* 192, 195], mentioned in yesterday's minutes, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

*Mr. Sober's complaint
against Mr. Crow.
Representation.*

The draught of a representation upon the petition of Mr. Sober to her Majesty, complaining of Mr. Crow's proceedings against him [*fo.* 188, 195], was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

August 19. Present:—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

Barbadoes.
*Representation on
complaints against
Crow.*

A representation upon the articles of complaint against Mr. Crow, Governor of Barbadoes [*fo.* 194, 239], agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

*Representation on
the petition of Mr.
Sober.*

A representation upon the petition of Mr. Sober to her Majesty, complaining of Mr. Crow's proceedings against him [*fo.* 194, 198], as agreed at the last meeting, was likewise signed; but Mr. Royle attending, and desiring to be heard upon this matter in behalf of Mr. Crow, their lordships were pleased to direct the said representation to be kept in this office till Wednesday morning next [*fo.* 197], and that Mr. Royle and Mr. Sober have notice to attend the Board at that time.

*Mr. Royle desires to
be heard to the com-
plaint of Sober.*

*Mr. Sober and Mr.
Royle to attend.*

Trade.
*Petition from Sir
Wm. Hodges about his
claim from the
Portuguese.
Papers relating
thereto
sent to Mr.
Advocate General.*

The petition of Sir William Hodges to her Majesty [*fo.* 123, 275], relating to his claim from the Portuguese, mentioned in the minutes of the 3rd of June, was again read; and copies of several letters from her Majesty and her Secretary of State to the King of Portugal &c., as also extracts from the register of the Admiralty Court, relating to the said claim, were laid before the Board. Whereupon ordered that the said petition, with the translation of Mr. Methuen's memorial to the King of Portugal, the 13th of October,

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1708, the translation of Don Diego de Mendoza Corteval's letter to Mr. Methuen, of the 8th of August, 1708, and Sir William Hodges's answer to the said Don Diego's reasons why the King of Portugal don't restore what is claimed by Sir William, be sent to Sir John Cook, her Majesty's Advocate General, for his opinion [*fo.* 272], how far the petitioners is relievable, and in what manner it may be done.

Their lordships agreed to take into consideration the papers in this office, relating to goods seized in Carolina [*fo.* 184], belonging to some Indian traders of Virginia, on Wednesday morning next.

August 24. Present:—Lord Dartmouth, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

Their lordships took into consideration the settling of some Palatines upon Hudson's River at New York [*fo.* 202], and agreed upon several heads, and gave directions for preparing the draught of a letter to the Lord High Treasurer thereupon.

Colonel Laws attending, presented to their lordships a memorial [*fo.* 192, 202], containing a proposal for settling several families of the aforesaid Palatines at Jamaica, which was read, and after some discourse with Colonel Laws thereupon, their lordships agreed to make the said proposal part of the letter abovementioned.

Mr. Royle, with Colonel Tyrrel, who is lately arrived from Barbadoes, attending [*fo.* 195], as also Mr. Sober, as they had been directed the 19th instant, the Order of Council upon the said Sober's petition, as also his affidavit, were read; and Colonel Tyrrel being thereupon asked several questions, he said that he was with Mr. Crow at the said Sober's house, at the time mentioned in the affidavit; that he does not remember there was any such discourse between the said Mr. Crow and Sober's wife and sister, as is alledged; but he own'd that he once went out of the room for a small time, and knows not what might then have been said; that he had heard that Mr. Sober was to be prosecuted for words said by him against the Governor, and that he had also heard that the reason for Sober's speaking those words was the Governor's behaviour towards Sober's wife; and he owned that he never heard of any other reason for the said Sober's coming off the island than the intended prosecution against him. These gentlemen being withdrawn, their lordships agreed to report to her Majesty that the Governor be required to return his particular answer to the complaint of the said Sober, and that till then, and her Majesty's pleasure declared thereupon, he do not cause or allow any prosecution against the said Sober; and gave directions [*fo.* 195, 199] for making this additional to their report, signed the 19th instant.

August 25. Present:—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

Mr. Perry attending and desiring that he might have such papers as are in this office [*fo.* 162], relating to the vindication of Colonel Park, to make use of at the hearing to be before her Majesty upon the complaints against him, ordered that he have the said papers, giving a receipt to return the same.

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Virginia.
Carolina.
*Goods seized in
Carolina.*

New York.
*Palatines to be settled
on Hudson's River.*

Jamaica.
*Memorial from Col.
Laws.
Poor Palatines.*

Barbadoes.
*Mr. Royle and Col.
Tyrrel.
Mr. Sober's com-
plaint against Mr.
Crow.*

*Representation
thereupon.*

Leeward Islands.
*Mr. Perry for papers
in vindication of Col.
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Barbadoes.*Representation on
Sober's complaint
against Mr. Crow.***Newfoundland.***Account of ships sent
thither from Bristol.***New York.***Letter from Col.
Nicholson and Col.
Vetch.**Expedition against
Canada.***New York.***New Jersey.
Letter from Col.
Ingoldsby.**Papers therein
referr'd to.*

The representation relating to Mr. Sober's complaint against Mr. Crow [fo. 198, 239], signed the 19th instant, was laid before the Board, with the alterations made therein as directed yesterday, and signed.

A letter from the Custom House officers at Bristol, of the 4th July, 1709, inclosing an account of ships that have gone from thence to Newfoundland in April, 1709, was read.

A letter from Colonel Nicholson and Colonel Vetch, dated at New York the 28th of June, 1709, giving an account of their arrival there, the success of their negotiations in relation to Canada, and of the opposition they have met with from the Quakers in that matter, was read.

A letter from Colonel Ingoldsby, Lieutenant Governor of New Jersey, dated at New York the 5th of July, 1709 [fo. 201], was read, and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, the three first of which were also read.

The Chief Justice of New York's opinion touching the impressing of seamen for her Majesty's ships there.

The Attorney General of New York's opinion, relating to the pressing of seamen.

Minute of Council of New York of the 3rd July, 1709, relating to the pressing of men for her Majesty's ships of war.

Examination of some Indians in relation to the condition of the French in Canada &c.

Proceedings of the General Assembly at New York, touching the expedition against Canada, June, 1709.

Address from the Lieutenant Governor, Council and General Assembly of New York to her Majesty.

Minutes of Council of New York from the 9th of May, 1709, to the 3rd July, following.

Acts pass'd at New York in September and October, 1708 [fo. 246] and May and June, 1709.

Whereupon their lordships agreed that paragraph F of the said letter, relating to her Majesty's revenue in that province, be laid before her Majesty; as likewise that paragraph G of the same letter, relating to the Ministers endeavouring to get an allowance out of the quit rents there, be sent to Mr. Lownds to be laid before the Lord High Treasurer.

August 29. Present:—Lord Dartmouth, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

Their lordships again taking into consideration the letter from Colonel Ingoldsby [fo. 200, 203], as also the papers therewith transmitted, mentioned in the minutes of the 25th instant, gave directions that paragraph L of the said letter relating to the pressing of seamen for her Majesty's ships of war at New York, together with the opinion of the Chief Justice, the Attorney General and the Council of that province, be sent to Mr. Burchet [fo. 217], for the information of the Lord High Admiral.

The draughts of letters to the Lord High Treasurer for transporting such of the poor Palatines to Jamaica and New York [fo. 197, *vide infra*], as shall not be provided for in this kingdom,

New York.*Letter from Col.
Ingoldsby.**Extract about pressing
seamen and other
papers
sent Mr. Burchet.***Miscellanies.****Jamaica.
New York.**

as directed the 24th instant, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

A letter from Mr. Joshua de Kocherthal, minister to the poor Lutherans that went over with the Lord Lovelace to New York, dated the 15th of February, 1708, returning his thanks to their lordships for their favour and good offices done to him and the said Lutherans, was read.

August 30. Present :—Lord Dartmouth, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

Two letters to the Lord High Treasurer relating to the transporting such of the poor Palatines to Jamaica and New York, as shall not be provided for in this kingdom, as agreed at the last meeting, were signed.

A letter from Mr. Thomas Cockeril to the secretary, dated at New York the 2nd of July, 1709, touching the present postures of affairs there, was read.

A letter from Mr. Byerly, Collector of her Majesty's Customes at New York, dated the 30th of June, 1709, relating to Colonel Ingoldesby's proceedings against him in relation to the payment of salary the Lord Cornbury says is due to him from the said Byerly, was read ; whereupon ordered that a copy thereof be sent to Mr. Lowndes, to be laid before the Lord High Treasurer.

Their lordships again taking into consideration the papers transmitted with Colonel Ingoldesby's letter [fo. 201, 204], mention'd in yesterday's minutes, read three of the said papers, vizt. :

Examination of some Indians in relation to the condition of the French in Canada &c.

Proceedings of the General Assembly at New York, touching the expedition against Canada, June, 1709.

Address from the Lieutenant Governor, Council and General Assembly of New York to her Majesty, relating to the same.

Whereupon ordered that the said address be sent to the Earl of Sunderland [fo. 203, *vide infra*], to be laid before her Majesty.

September 1. Present :—Lord Dartmouth, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

A letter to the Earl of Sunderland, inclosing an address from New York to her Majesty [*vide supra*], relating to the expedition against Canada, directed at the last meeting, was signed.

Their lordships reconsider'd the letter from Mr. Daniel Pulteney, her Majesty's Envoy in Denmark, of the 6th of April, n.s., 1709 [fo. 67, 205], in answer to one writ him the first of June, 1708, relating to our trade in those parts.

A letter from Mr. Phelps, Deputy Governor of the Eastland Company, of the 7th of June last, in answer to one writ him the 5th of May foregoing [fo. 81, 210], relating to the advantage the Dutch have over the English in their trade to the Baltick, was read ; and their lordships gave directions for preparing the draught of a representation for laying the same before her Majesty.

Ordered that the draught of a letter be prepared in answer to the foremention'd letter from Mr. Pulteney [fo. 204, 210].

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Letters to the Lord High Treasurer. Poor Palatines.

Letter from Mr. Kocherthal, Minister to the Lutherans at New Yorke.

Jamaica.
New York.
Letters to the Lord Treasurer about Palatines.

New York.
Letter from Mr. Cockeril.

Letter from Mr. Byerly about Col. Ingoldesby's proceedings against him.

Sent to Mr. Lowndes.

Papers from Col. Ingoldesby under consideration.

Address to be sent to Earl of Sunderland.

New York.
Letter to Earl of Sunderland with an address.

Trade.
Letter from Mr. Daniel Pulteney reconsider'd.

Trade.
Letter from Mr. Phelps about advantage the Dutch have in trade. Representation to be prepared.

Answer to Mr. Pulteney's letter.

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*Memorial about Treaty
of Commerce under
consideration.*

Their lordships now took into consideration the several memorials and papers in this office [*fo.* 124, 208], relating to a Treaty of Commerce with France, which are as follows, vizt. :

Memorial from several merchants concern'd in the tobacco trade, proposing that by a Treaty with France, tobacco may be allow'd to be imported into that kingdom, under an easy duty, without farm or monopoly.

Memorial from Mr. Galdie, relating to a Treaty of Commerce with France &c.

A letter from Mr. Anthony Forty, of the 30th of May, 1709, inclosing some considerations about the settlement of trade between England and France in 1698, with a memorial relating to a Treaty of Commerce now to be set on foot with that kingdom &c.

Letter from Mr. Spicer, Mayor of Exeter, of the 28th of May, 1709, inclosing a memorial from the merchants of that city, relating to a Treaty of Commerce with France, together with the particulars of the Customes received at Rouen since 1654.

Letter from Mr. Eyre, of the 27th May, 1709, relating to the duties laid on English manufactures in France &c.

Memorial from several North British merchants relating to a Treaty of Commerce with France.

Representation of the mayor, burgesses and inhabitants of Lime Regis, praying that in a Treaty of Commerce with France, the prohibition of English manufactures may be taken off, and satisfaction made for several goods formerly seized in Britany, together with the translation of a French edict annex'd.

Letter from Mr. Hollidge at Bristol, of the 25th of May, 1709, relating to the high duties on English manufactures in France &c.

An arrest of the King of France, relating to the entries of English merchandizes in that kingdom, dated the 6th September, 1701.

A memorial containing considerations on the benefit of an open trade with France &c.

A memorial relating to the Droit de Aubaine &c., in France.

Letter from Mr. Savage, of the 1st of June last, inclosing an account of the duties upon French commodities, with reference to the several laws relating to the trade with France since *Anno* 1660.

Memorial from the Company of Clockmakers, praying that the French King may be obliged, in the Treaty of Commerce to be made with France, to take off the prohibition of clocks, &c.

Memorial from Mr. Samuel Lock, proposing that the duties in France laid on English manufactures may be taken off; also a copy of an arrest of the French King, in September, 1701, on the English manufactures &c.

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*Project of a treaty
agreed.*

And the draught of a project of such a Treaty [*fo.* 205, 218], was laid before the Board, and agreed.

September 2. Present :—Lord Dartmouth, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

A representation relating to Colonel Ingoldesby's having assumed the government of New York upon the death of the Lord Lovelace [fo. 234, 237] (although his commission for Lieutenant Governor of that province had been revoked by her Majesty in Council the 11th of April, 1706), was agreed and signed.

Mr. John Gough attending, he acquainted their lordships that Colonel Ingoldesby, who had taken upon him the government of New York [fo. 211], understanding that the Lady Lovelace had in her custody the minutes of Council and minutes of Assembly, as also the accounts of the revenue, which the Lord Lovelace had been directed, by the Earl of Sunderland, to require from Mr. Fauconier, collector of the revenue in that province, during the time of the Lord Cornbury's government, in order to bring them to England, he sent to demand the said minutes &c. from her Ladyship, who refusing to comply with the said demand, he had used her disrespectfully, and threatned that she should not come away from thence unless she did deliver up the said papers; which usage obliged her Ladyship to steal away at midnight, and to go on board the Lowstaff man of war then ready to leave those parts. He added that her Ladyship was arrived, and had brought the abovemention'd papers along with her; whereupon Mr. Gough was desired to get an account of this matter in writing, which he promised to do and lay before their lordships.

Mr. Gough then presented to the Board an account of what had been expended by the Lord Lovelace for the subsistence of the poor Lutherans, who went over with his Lordship to New York, amounting to 202*l.* 17*s.* 8½*d.*, which account was read.

A representation touching the advantage the Dutch have over the English in their trade to the Baltick [fo. 205, 261], as directed at the last meeting, was signed.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Daniel Pulteney, her Majesty's Envoy in Denmark, in answer to one from him of the 16th of April, 1709, n.s. [fo. 205, 211], relating to our trade in those parts, as directed yesterday, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Mr. Attorney General's report upon five of the laws past in Pennsylvania in 1705 [fo. 184, 214], transmitted to him in the secretarie's letter of the 10th of the last month, was read. Whereupon order'd that Mr. Penn have notice to attend the Board on Tuesday morning next.

September 5. Present:—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

A letter from the Lady Lovelace, of the 3rd instant, setting forth the ill treatment she had met with from Colonel Ingoldesby, upon her refusing to deliver into his hands the papers of publick proceedings at New York [fo. 209], which he demanded with threats from her, mention'd in the minutes of the 2nd instant, was read.

A letter to Mr. Daniel Pulteney, her Majesty's Envoy at the Court in Denmark [fo. 210], touching our trade in those parts, as agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

A letter from Mr. Byerly, Collector and Receiver General of New York, to the secretary, dated the 9th of March, 1708, inclosing

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New York.

Representation on Col. Ingoldesby's assuming the government.

Mr. Gough about the said Colonel's behaviour to the Lady Lovelace.

The same to be put into writing.

Account of the expence for subsistence of the poor Lutherans.

Trade.

Representation about trade in the Baltick.

Draught of a letter to Mr. Pulteney about trade to Denmark.

Pensilvania.

Mr.

Attorney General's report on laws.

New York.

Letter from the Lady Lovelace complaining of Col. Ingoldesby.

Trade.

Letter to Mr. Daniel Pulteney.

New York.

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*Letters from Mr.
Byerly about his
being restored to his
office.*

*Answer to be
returned.*

**Virginia.
Carolina.**

*Representation about
Virginia Indian
traders to be
transcribed.*

Virginia.

*Letter from Col.
Jennings.
Directions thereon.*

New Jersey.

*Letter from Col.
Ingoldesby.*

*Papers of public
proceedings.*

Maryland.

*Mr. Perry &c. against
an Act for relief
of poor debtors.*

Pensylvania.

*Draught of a
representation on
Acts to be
transcribed.*

**Virginia.
Carolina.**

*Representation about
Indian traders.*

one to their lordships of the same date, giving an account that my Lord Lovelace, upon his arrival there, had restored him to his office, from which he had been suspended by the Lord Cornbury, were read; whereupon ordered that the secretary do return answer thereunto.

The draught of a representation upon the complaint of Colonel Jennings, President of the Council of Virginia, mention'd in his letter of the 24th of June, 1708 [M. fo. 313; fo. 214], read the 8th of November following, relating to goods belonging to the Virginia Indian Traders, having been seized by the Government of South Carolina, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

A letter from Colonel Jennings, of the 13th of June, 1709, acknowledging the receipt of several letters from the Board, and promising to answer the same by the first safe conveyance, was read; whereupon ordered [fo. 228] that he be acquainted in the next letter from their lordships with what has been done in relation to Virginia Indian Traders aforementioned.

A letter from Colonel Ingoldesby, Lieutenant Governor of New Jersey, dated the 16th of June, 1709, was read; and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt.:

Minutes of Council of New Jersey, from the 26th May, 1709, to the 14th June following.

Minutes of the Council of New Jersey in Assembly, from the 23rd of June to the 30th ditto, 1709, inclusive.

Minutes of Council of New Jersey in Assembly, from the 20th December, 1708, to the 4th April, 1709.

Minutes of the Council in Assembly from the 23rd to the 30th of June, 1709, inclusive.

Minutes of the Assembly of New Jersey from the 25th of May to the 30th of June, 1709.

September 6. Present:—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

Mr. Perry, Mr. Hyde, Mr. Milner, with several other Maryland merchants attending [fo. 107], the Act past in Maryland in December, 1708, entituled *An Act for relief of poor debtors and languishing prisoners* [fo. 230], inserted in the book of laws, No. 19, folio 47, was read; and these gentlemen alledging that the said Act would be prejudicial to them, if the same was not repealed, for that they should not be able to obtain what moneys should be due to them in that province, and therefore praying that their lordships would propose a repeal thereof to her Majesty, they were desired to give their reasons against the confirmation of the said Act in writing, which they promised to do, and to lay the same before their lordships accordingly.

The draught of a representation upon the laws past in Pensylvania in 1705 [fo. 210, 215] by John Evans, esquire, Deputy Governor of that province, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

The representation relating to the complaint of goods seized by the Governor of South Carolina, belonging to the Virginia Indian Traders [fo. 212, 223], as agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

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September 8. Present:—Lord Dartmouth, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

A representation upon the laws of Pennsylvania, past in 1705 [*fo.* 214, 217], as agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

September 15. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

A letter from the Earl of Sunderland of the 9th instant [*fo.* 216], directing this Board to prepare draughts of commissions and instructions for Colonel Hunter to be Governor of New York and New Jersey, was read; whereupon the secretary laying before their lordships the draughts of commissions for those governments, a letter to the Earl of Sunderland, inclosing the same, was signed.

Copy of Captain Holmes's information (received with the duplicate of Colonel Bennet's letter of the 1st of March, 170^g) [*fo.* 146, 283], touching the cruelty and barbarity committed by the French on the Bahama Islands, sworn the 20th April, 1709, was read, and a letter to the Earl of Sunderland, inclosing a copy thereof, was signed.

Their lordships then took into consideration the draughts of instructions to be given to Colonel Hunter for the governments of New York and New Jersey [*fo.* 215, 320], and agreed the same.

Upon considering the said instructions for New Jersey, their lordships had occasion to look into the Acts past there, and resolved to take into consideration two of them, in order to the laying the same before her Majesty for a repeal thereof. The said Acts are as follows:

An Act for altering the present constitution, and regulating the election of representatives to serve in the General Assembly of this province of Nova Cæsarea or New Jersey.

An Act for regulating negro, Indian and mulato slaves within this province of New Jersey [*fo.* 223].

A letter from Mr. Penn, dated at Bristol the 12th September [*fo.* 215, 232], desiring that the representation on the Pennsylvania laws may be withdrawn from the Council Office till he arrives in town, was read; whereupon ordered that the secretary do acquaint him that, by reason the time limited by his charter for her Majesty's signifying her pleasure on the said laws will expire the 28th of the next month, their lordships do not think it proper to do anything further therein.

September 27. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

A letter from Mr. Burchet, of the 24th instant [*fo.* 202, 220], with the inclosed copy of Mr. Attorney and Solicitor General's reports and other papers relating to the impressing men at New York for her Majesty's ships there, were read, and their lordships resolved to reconsider the same at a convenient opportunity.

A letter from the Earl of Sunderland of the 22nd instant [*fo.* 235], inclosing:

A report of this Board to the Commissioners for the Palatines &c., of the 3rd of August last [*fo.* 179], upon proposals for the settlement of 1,000 poor Palatines at Jamaica.

Pennsylvania.
Laws.
Representation.

New York.
New Jersey.
Letter from the
Earl of Sunderland.
Commissions and in-
structions for Col.
Hunter to be Governor.
Letter to the
Earl of Sunderland
with draughts of com-
missions.

Bermuda.
Bahama Islands.
Holmes's information
Barbarities committed
by the French.
Letter to the
Earl of Sunderland.

New York.
New Jersey.
Instructions for Col.
Hunter.

New Jersey.

Acts to be repealed.

Pennsylvania.
Letter from Mr.
Penn about the
representation on laws.
Answer.

New York.
Letter from Mr.
Burchet.
Mr. Attorney and
Solicitor General's
reports about im-
pressing men.

Jamaica.
New York.
Miscellanies.
Letter from the
Earl of Sunderland.
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A letter from this Board of the 30th of August to the Lord High Treasurer [*fo.* 202, 221], for disposing of some of the Palatines at Jamaica.

And another letter from this Board of the same date to the Lord High Treasurer [*fo.* 202], proposing the settlement of some others of the said Palatines on Hudson's River in New York, was read.

Mr. Whitchurch, Mr. Way and Mr. Jones to attend.

Whereupon ordered [*fo.* 221] that Mr. Whitechurch, Mr. Way and Mr. Jones be desired to attend the Board on Thursday morning next.

Trade.

Letter to the Earl of Sunderland. Draught of a Treaty of Commerce with France.

A letter to the Earl of Sunderland for inclosing the draught of a Treaty of Commerce with France was agreed [*fo.* 208, 231], and ordered to be transcribed; and their lordships considering the desire of the merchants that all goods subject to pay duty by weight may have the same allowance of the tare of the cask as is commonly allowed at the King's Beam by the seller to the buyer, and that they be not obliged to pay duty for the tare as formerly; ordered [*fo.* 236] that a letter be writ to Mr. Savage, secretary to the Commissioners of her Majesty's Customs, desiring to know what the practice is here, with respect to the tare of foreign goods.

Letter to Mr. Savage. Tare of foreign goods.

Plantations General.

Letter from the Board of Ordnance. Stores for the Plantations.

A letter from the Board of Ordnance, dated the 24th instant [*fo.* 223], relating to their expence in supplying the plantations with stores of war, and desiring that, if any of the Plantations have a present occasion for stores, this Board will move her Majesty for her pleasure in order to the making application to the Parliament for the same, was read; whereupon ordered that the draught of an answer be prepared, whereby to signify that there is at present no demand of that kind before their lordships from the plantations; but when any shall be made, the Board will represent it to her Majesty.

Answer.

September 29. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

New Jersey.
Plantations General.
New York.
Letter to the Earl of Sunderland. Impressing of seamen.

A letter to the Earl of Sunderland [*fo.* 217, 228], relating to the impressing of seamen in the plantations, inclosing several papers concerning the same, and desiring that his lordship will receive her Majesty's pleasure whether the usual clause touching the pressing of seamen shall be continued in the instructions to Colonel Hunter, or not.

Leeward Islands.
Order of Council on petition of Col. Hamilton to be Lieutenant General of those islands.

Mr. Tryon attending, presented to their lordships an Order of Council of the 16th instant [*fo.* 251], referring to this Board the petition of Walter Hamilton, esquire, Lieutenant Governor of Nevis, praying that he may be made Lieutenant General of the Leeward Islands, and on the death or absence of the Governor, receive the salary and perquisites usually allow'd Lieutenant Generals in like cases, was read; whereupon ordered that all the papers in this office relating to the character of the said Hamilton be laid before their lordships.

Miscellanies.
Jamaica.
Captain Jones and Mr. Whitchurch. Palatines.

Captain Jones and Mr. Whitchurch attending [*fo.* 218, 222], the letter to my Lord Treasurer of the 30th of the last month, relating to the settling some Palatines at Jamaica, was read; whereupon these gentlemen said that they thought the proposal in that letter very reasonable, and what might easily be comply'd with, and

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they added that they believed the Lord Carbury, Colonel Long and Mr. Cotton, who were proprietors of a great part of the lands in those parts, might easily be perswaded to surrender their interest therein [fo. 227]; after which these gentlemen were desired to give their lordships in writing an account of the quantities and qualities of the tooles &c. necessary to be sent along with about 1,000 Palatines, together with the prices; the same with relation to provisions for them, the same for their cloathing and armes, together with an account of the freight, and whatever else they might think necessary, which they promised to do accordingly. And being asked if they were willing to make any agreement with her Majesty in order to the providing for those poor people, they declined to do it.

October 4. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

Their lordships taking again into consideration the settlement of some Palatines at Jamaica [fo. 221, 224] and Lynch Island, belonging to Mr. Cotton, being thought convenient to be made use of on that occasion, ordered that a letter be writ to Sir Robert Cotton, desiring him to come to the Board on Thursday morning next, or such other time as he shall be able, in order to confer with him thereupon.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Savage, secretary to the Commissioners of the Customs [fo. 237, 243], to desire an account of all sorts of corn exported to foreign parts from London and the out ports, from Christmas, 1708, to Michaelmas last, as also an account of the price of corn in the said out ports, as it was at or about Michaelmas last.

An Order of Council of the 26th, upon a representation of this Board of the 6th of the last month [fo. 214], relating to the seizure of goods in Carolina which belonged to some Indian Traders of Virginia, was read; whereupon their lordships gave directions that a copy thereof be kept, and that Colonel Blakiston, agent for Virginia, be desired to deliver the said order to the Lords Proprietors of Carolina, and acquainted that 'tis necessary he should procure a duplicate of the same to be transmitted to the Government of Virginia.

A letter to the Board of Ordnance, in answer to theirs of the 24th of the last month [fo. 219], relating to stores of war for the plantations, was signed.

The draught of a representation upon an Act pass'd in New Jersey in December, 1704 [fo. 216, 231], intituled *An Act for regulating negro, Indian and mulatto slaves within this province of New Jersey*, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

October 6. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

Sir Robert Cotton attending, as he had been desired the 4th instant [fo. 222, 228], in relation to the settlement of 1,000 of the poor Palatines on Lynch Island in Jamaica, and their lordships having discoursed with him thereupon, he desired that they would send him a proposal upon that matter in writing, which their lordships promised to do accordingly.

Jamaica.
Palatines.
Lynch Island.
Letter to Sir
Robert Cotton.

Trade.
Letter to Mr.
Savage.
Corn exported.
The price of it.

Virginia.
Carolina.
Order on representa-
tion about goods
seiz'd from Indian
traders.
Directions to Col.
Blakiston.

Plantations General.
Letter to the
Board of Ordnance.
Stores.

New Jersey.
Representation on
an Act.

Jamaica.
Sir Robert Cotton.
Palatines.

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Trade.

Plantations General.

New England.

New York.

Pennsylvania.

*Letter from the
Earl of Sunderland.**Corn &c. for the**Portuguese.**Merchants summon'd.*

Miscellanies.

*Letter from the**Earl of Sunderland.**Absent commissioners
summon'd.*

Trade.

Plantations General.

*Mr. Duport about
corn &c. desired by
the Portuguese from
America.**Mr. Perry and Mr.
Hyde upon the same
affair.**Letter from Mr.
Tryon on that subject.**Jamaica.
Palatines.
Memorial from Mr.
Whitchurch.**Trade.
Plantations General.
Mr. Nevin.
Corn for the
Portuguese.*

A letter from the Earl of Sunderland, of the 5th instant, touching the purchasing of wheat and flower in New England, New York and Pennsylvania [*fo.* 230], for the service of the forces of the King of Portugal &c., was read; whereupon ordered [*fo.* 225, 226] that Colonel Jory, Mr. Duport, Mr. Perry and Mr. Hyde have notice to attend the Board on Monday morning next.

October 10. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

The secretary acquainted their lordships that he had received a letter from the Earl of Sunderland [*fo.* 235], directing him to summon the absent Commissioners immediately to town &c., and that he had writ to them accordingly.

Mr. Duport attending, as he had been directed [*fo.* 224], and being acquainted with the purport of the Earl of Sunderland's letter relating to the Portuguese purchasing corn in the plantations, and being asked his opinion thereupon, he said that, if there were plenty of corn in the provinces on the Continent, he did not foresee any inconvenience by complying with the Portuguese desire; but, if corn were not plentiful, the sugar islands might suffer by such an exportation.

Mr. Perry and Mr. Hyde attending also [*fo.* 224], and being enquired of on the same matter, they said that there was no law to hinder the exportation of corn from the plantations to Portugal, in British ships; but they were afraid that, if there were not a very great quantity in those Colonies, it might advance the price in the islands; that this was a wrong time of year to send thither for corn, for the ships that shou'd go now, would not be able to return from thence before the middle or latter end of April, and that before they could arrive in Portugal, the next year's crop there wou'd be got in; that if the Portuguese were limited not to buy corn till after the 25th of June, it wou'd then be no detriment to the islands, for that they always buy their year's provision before that time; that when the plantations on the Continent have a surplus of corn more than is necessary for their own consumption, and for the service of the islands, they generally send it to the Maderas in exchange for their wines; they added that there was annually great quantities sent to Jamaica, and from thence exported to the Spanish West Indies.

A letter from Mr. Rowland Tryon upon the same subject, was read [*fo.* 224], signifying that it might be of dangerous consequence to the sugar islands shou'd any quantities of corn be allow'd to be sent from the Continent to Portugal.

A memorial from Mr. Whitchurch and Mr. Jones [*fo.* 221, 236], relating to the settling of some Palatines at Jamaica, was read.

October 12. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

Mr. Nevin attending [*fo.* 224], and being acquainted with the purport of the Earl of Sunderland's letter of the 5th instant, relating to the purchasing of corn in the plantations for the Portuguese, he said that it was very rare that the plantations on the Continent had any overplus of corn; that about two years ago there was great scarcity in the said plantations; that when there happens to be an

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overplus remaining more than is necessary for their own consumption, and for the supply of the islands, it was generally sent to the Maderas; that the ordinary price in the Leeward Islands of flower, is between 30 and 40 shillings per hundred-weight; that if any quantity was exported from the Continent to Portugal, it might be of very fatal consequence, for those provinces on the Continent are the only places from whence the islands are supply'd, and on which they can depend.

Copy of her Majesty's letter to the Governor of Virginia [fo. 73], about appointing Commissioners for settling the boundaries between that province and Carolina, was read.

A letter to Colonel Jenings, President of the Council of Virginia [fo. 212], was signed.

Their lordships' letter to the Earl of Sunderland, of the 29th of the last month [fo. 220], relating to a clause in Colonel Hunter's instructions concerning the pressing of seamen, was now return'd from his lordship, with a minute indorsed upon it, that the said clause be left out; whereupon ordered that the same be done accordingly.

October 17. Present:—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

Sir Robert Cotton and Mr. Dolben attending [fo. 224, 230], Sir Robert presented to their lordships his son's letter, in answer to the secretary's letter of the 7th instant, consenting to surrender to her Majesty in fee 30 acres, part of Lynch Island, which letter was read; whereupon Sir Robert said that his son further consented that the timber on the said island should be made use of for building of hutts for the Palatines, provided that leave be given him to cut the like quantity of timber elsewhere on her Majesty's lands ungranted, in case he should need any for the further settlement of Lynch Island, which their lordships thought reasonable. Then Sir Robert being acquainted that in order to compleat the settlement intended at Jamaica, it was necessary that the proprietors of uncultivated lands between Rio Grande and Point Morant, should likewise surrender to her Majesty in fee part of their said lands, he said that, if their lordships would give him a proposal in writing, he would transmit it to his son for his answer, which was ordered to be done accordingly.

And further order'd that the draught of a letter be prepar'd to the Lord Carbury and others upon the same subject.

The draught of a letter to the Earl of Sunderland, relating to the purchasing of wheat and flower in New England, New York and Pennsylvania [fo. 224, 231], for the service of the King of Portugal's forces (mention'd in the minutes of the 6th instant), was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

A memorial from several merchants trading to Maryland [fo. 285], complaining of three Acts past in that province, was read; and the draught of a representation for repealing one of them of the 17th of December, 1708, entituled *An Act for the relief of poor debtors and*

Virginia.
Carolina.
*Copy of the Queen's
letter.
Commissioners for
boundaries.*
Virginia.
*Letter to Col.
Jenings.*
New York.
New Jersey.
Pressing of seamen.

Jamaica.
*Sir Robert Cotton.
Mr. Dolben.
Lynch Island.
Palatines.
Letter from Mr.
Cotton.*

*Letter to Lord
Carbury &c.*

Trade.
New England.
New York.
Pennsylvania.
Plantations General.
*Letter to the
Earl of Sunderland.
Corn for the Portuguese*
Maryland.
*Memorial from mer-
chants against
an Act about debtors.*

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languishing prisoners [fo. 214, 232], was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

October 18. Present :—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

Jamaica.
Letter to Sir Robert Cotton, with a further proposal about Palatines.

A letter to Sir Robert Cotton, containing a further proposal relating to the settlement of the poor Palatines on Lynch Island in Jamaica [fo. 228], as directed the last meeting, was agreed and order'd to be sent.

Letter to the Lord Carbury to the same effect.

A letter to the Lord Carbury to the same effect [fo. 239], was also signed.

New Jersey.
Representation for repealing an Act about slaves.

The representation for repealing an Act past in New Jersey in December, 1704 [fo. 223, 243], entituled *An Act for regulating negro, Indian and mulato slaves within this province*, agreed the 4th instant, was signed.

Trade.
Plantations General, &c.

Letter to the Earl of Sunderland, about buying wheat in the Plantations.

A letter to the Earl of Sunderland, touching the buying of wheat and flower in the Plantations for the service of the King of Portugal [fo. 230], agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

Trade.
Letter to the Earl of Sunderland with a project of a Treaty of Commerce &c.

A letter to the Earl of Sunderland, inclosing the project of a Treaty of Commerce with France [fo. 218], together with other papers relating thereto, was signed.

Miscellanies.
Incidents and salaries.

The account of incident charges of this office from Midsummer, 1709, to Michaelmas following, were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
The secretary's account of petty expences, amounting to	7	0	2
The stationer's account for the same time, amounting to	26	13	3
The post officer's account for the same time, amounting to	64	19	2
In all	98	12	7

And a letter to the Lord High Treasurer, to desire the payment thereof, as also of the salaries due to this Commission, was signed.

Pennsylvania.
Letter to the Lord President about the laws.

Their lordships understanding that the representation of the 8th of September last upon the body of laws past in Pennsylvania in 1705 [fo. 217, 244], had not yet been laid before her Majesty, a letter to the Lord President of the Council, signifying the same to his lordship, and acquainting him with the necessity of her Majesty's pleasure being declared thereupon, was signed.

Maryland.
Representation on an Act.

A representation upon *An Act for relief of poor debtors and languishing prisoners* [fo. 230, 244], pass'd in Maryland the 17th of December, 1708, and mentioned in yesterday's minutes, was signed.

October 19. Present :—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

Their lordships taking into consideration an Act past in Jamaica, transmitted with Brigadier Handasyd's letter of the 25th of May, 1709, entitled *An Act for the regulating fees, as also an Act for quieting possessions and preventing vexatious suits at law* [fo. 262], ordered that Mr. Baber and Mr. Compere be acquainted that if they have any objections to make to the first of the said Acts, they do the same in writing on Fryday morning next [fo. 245], and that the other Act about possessions be sent to Mr. Attorney General for his opinion thereupon in point of law.

Mr. Heysham and Mr. Royle attending, and desiring that their lordships would please to propose to her Majesty a confirmation of the two following Acts, vizt. :

An Act past in Barbadoes the 11th of May, 1708 [fo. 252], entitled *An Act for holding a Court of Grand Sessions of Oyer and Terminer, General Goal Delivery and General Sessions of the Peace in this island.*

An Act past the 16th of May, 1708 [fo. 172], entitled *An Act appointing Agents to transact the publick affairs of this island.*

Their lordships agreed to take the same into consideration on Fryday next.

October 21. Present :—Lord Dartmouth, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

The secretary, acquainting their lordships that he had received from the Earl of Sunderland's office her Majesty's letter to Colonel Ingoldsby of the 17th of September last [fo. 208, 237], for the revocation of his commission of Lieutenant Governor of New York, as likewise a copy thereof, which copy was read, and directions given for writing to Colonel Hunter, to enquire if he knew of any opportunity of sending the said letter.

Their lordships, taking into consideration the trade to Africa, ordered [fo. 11] that a letter be writ to Mr. John Perry, secretary to the Royal African Company, for several of their accounts relating to that trade, from Michaelmas, 1708, to Michaelmas, 1709; as also a letter to Mr. Richard Harris [fo. 290], inclosing several queries to be communicated to the separate traders to Africa, for their answers thereunto.

A letter from the Earl of Sunderland of the 19th instant [fo. 225], requiring in her Majesty's name that a quorum of this Board be always in town for the dispatch of business, was read.

Their lordships then took into consideration the Act past in Barbadoes the 16th of May, 1708 (mentioned in the last minutes) [fo. 233, 252], entitled *An Act appointing agents to transact the publick affairs of this island*, and read some positions of the General Assembly relating to their appointing agents for managing affairs in Great Britain, exclusive of the Governor and Council (laid before the Board the 30th of November, and read the 21st of December last), with their lordships' answer (then drawn up) thereunto, as also several extracts out of the Council and Assembly Books of that

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Jamaica.
Acts considered.

Mr. Baber and Mr.
Compere to make
their objections (if
any).
One sent to Mr.
Attorney General.

Barbadoes.
Mr. Heysham and
Mr. Royle
Agents.
Acts.

New York.
Queen's letter revoking
Col. Ingoldsby's
commission of
Lieutenant Governor.
Letter to Col.
Hunter thereupon.

Trade.
Letter to Mr. Perry
for accounts about
African trade.

Letter to Mr.
Harris upon the same
subject.

Miscellanies.
Letter from the
Earl of Sunderland
about a quorum of
this Board.

Barbadoes.
Act about agents
under consideration.

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Draught of a representation to be prepared thereupon.

Jamaica.
Letter to the Earl of Sunderland about poor Palatines.

Jamaica.
Memorial from Mr. Whitchurch about Palatines.
Letter to the transport office about the charge of their transportation &c.

Trade.
Letter from Mr. Savage.
Tare of foreign goods.

Letter from Mr. Savage.
Corn exported.
The price.

Barbadoes.
Mr. Crow's revocation to answer complaints.

New York.
Order on representation revoking Col. Ingoldsby's commission.

Her Majesty's letter thereupon.

Letter from Col. Hunter.

New York.
Pennsylvania.
Her Majesty's said letter sent Captain Gookin.

island, touching their proceedings in relation to the nomination and appointment of agents; and gave directions for preparing the draught of a representation, for laying the same before her Majesty.

Ordered that the draught of a letter be prepared to the Earl of Sunderland [fo. 218, 240], to acquaint his lordship with the steps that have been made towards settling the poor Palatines at Jamaica, since his lordship's reference of that matter, of the 22nd of the last month.

Their lordships again taking into consideration the memorial from Mr. Whitchurch and Captain Jones [fo. 227] (read the tenth instant), touching the settlement of the said Palatines, ordered [fo. 242] that a letter be writ to the Commissioners of the Transport Office for an account of the charge of the following particulars vizt., 4,000*cwt.* of biscuit, 500*cwt.* of oatmeal, 500*cwt.* of peace, 200 bushels of salt, 500 beds, 1,000 blankets, as also what the charge of transporting 1,000 Palatines (men, women and children) to Jamaica, will amount to per head.

October 25. Present:—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter from Mr. Savage, secretary of the Customes, of the 30th of September, 1709 [fo. 219], in answer to one writ him the 28th of the same month, relating to the tare of foreign goods, was read.

A second letter from Mr. Savage, of the 6th instant [fo. 222], with the following accounts of corn exported, and the price thereof in London, was read.

Account of corn exported from London from Christmas, 1708, to Michaelmas, 1709.

Account of the prices of corn at Bear Key in September and October, 1709.

Copy of her Majesty's letter to Mr. Crow, Governor of Barbadoes, requiring him to return forthwith to England, to answer the complaints against him, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council, of the 5th of September last [fo. 208, 234], upon a representation of the 2nd ditto relating to Colonel Ingoldsby's having assumed the Government of New York, and directing a warrant to be prepared for revoking his commission of Lieutenant Governor of that province, was read.

Copy of her Majesty's letter to Colonel Ingoldsby [fo. 234, 238], revoking his commission of Lieutenant Governor of New York, dated the 17th of September, 1709, was read.

A letter from Colonel Hunter, signifying that there was a ship bound to Pennsylvania, now ready to sail, was read.

Whereupon ordered [fo. 237] that her Majesty's said letter be directed to the President and Council of New York for the time being, and sent to Mr. Gookin [fo. 260], Deputy Governor of Pennsylvania, to be sent forward by a safe hand to the said President and Council.

Copy of an Order of Council of the 28th of April, 1709 [*fo.* 66, 356], upon a representation of the 18th of the same month, on the petition of Mr. Skene, secretary of Barbadoes, relating to incroachments on his office, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council of the 9th of June last [*fo.* 51, 356], upon a representation of the 24th of March, 170⁸, on the petition of Mr. Gordon, provost marshal general of Barbadoes, complaining of incroachments on his office by several Acts of Assembly, approving the said representation, was read.

A second Order of Council of the same date [*fo.* 51], upon two representations of the 24th of March, 170⁸, and the 3rd of June following, upon Mr. Gordon's complaint of encroachments on his office by some Acts made by the General Assembly of Barbadoes, directing the Earl of Sunderland to prepare an instruction for her Majesty's signature to Mr. Crow, that he give all just countenance and protection to the said Gordon in the execution of his office, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council of the 5th of September [*fo.* 199] upon a representation of the 25th of August last, on the petition of Mr. Sober, complaining of Mr. Crow, Governor of Barbadoes, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council of 22nd August, 1709 [*fo.* 195], upon a representation of the 19th of the same month, on several articles of complaint against Mr. Crow, Governor of Barbadoes, was read.

A memorial from Mr. Rayner against an Act pass'd in New York, entituled *An Act for regulating and establishing fees*, was read; whereupon their lordships took the said Act into consideration, and ordered [*fo.* 241] that Mr. Rayner be desired to explain some part of his said memorial touching the said Act.

Mr. Pulteney gave their lordships an account of what the Lord Carbury had said to him upon the letter writ to his lordship the 18th instant [*fo.* 231, 250], relating to the settlement of the poor Palatines in Jamaica; the substance whereof was, that his lordship was not willing to give up any part of his land on that island, but would part with the same at about 5s. an acre; and their lordships taking notice by a paper the Lord Carbury had left with Mr. Pulteney that his Lordship's lands lay in the parish of St. Mary's, far distant from the place intended for the Palatines, they resolved to proceed no further with his Lordship therein.

And that their lordships may have an account of what other persons there are in this kingdom that have lands in those parts, ordered that Mr. John Heathcote have notice to attend the Board to-morrow morning.

A letter to the Earl of Sunderland, as directed the last meeting [*fo.* 235], giving his lordship an account of the steps made by this Board towards the settlement of the Palatines on Jamaica, was signed.

October 26. Present :—Lord Dartmouth, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

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Barbadoes.

Order on representation upon Mr. Skene's petition.

Order on representation upon Mr. Gordon's petition.

*Second order on two representations upon Mr. Gordon's petition.
Instruction to countenance him in his office.*

Barbadoes.

Order on representation upon Mr. Sober's complaint.

Order on representation upon articles against Mr. Crow.

New York.

Memorial from Mr. Rayner against an Act.

Jamaica.

*Palatines.
Lord Carbury.*

Mr. John Heathcote.

*Letter to the Earl of Sunderland.
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Jamaica.
Palatines.Letter to Mr.
Blathwayt for ac-
count of grants of
lands, names of
patentees &c.

Trade.

Letter from Mr.
Pulteney.
Consuls at Norway
and Elsignor and
trade in those parts.
Letter to the Eastland
Company.

New York.

Act about fees.
Explanation of Mr.
Rayner's memorial.
Representation.

Jamaica.

Palatines.
Mr. Compere about
surrendering part of
his lands.

Plantations General.

Letter to the Earl of
Sunderland.
New seals.
Draughts of warrants.

Jamaica.

Letter from Commis-
sioners for trans-
ports.
Palatines.

New York.

Memorial from Mr.
Atwood.
State of the
Province.

Trade.

Letter from Mr.
Savage.
Corn exported.

Their lordships, taking into consideration the settlement of the Palatines in Jamaica, and believing that Mr. Blathwayt may be able to inform them of the names of the persons that have grants of lands lying between the north-east of Rio Grande, and the south-east of Point Morant, ordered that a letter be writ to him [fo. 255] for the names of the persons, as likewise for an account of the number of acres in each grant, how situated, what quit rents are reserved, and what arrears of such quit rents there are, and of what lands there are which remain in the Crown ungranted.

A letter from Mr. Daniel Pulteney, her Majesty's Envoy in Denmark, of the 19th of October, 1709, n.s. [fo. 80], relating to Consuls for Norway and Elsignore, and to the trade to those parts &c., was read; whereupon ordered that the papers in this office relating to the Eastland trade be laid before their lordships, and that the secretary do write to the Governor of the Eastland Company, for what they may have to offer since their memorial delivered to their lordships the 15th of June, 1698.

Their lordships again taking into consideration the Act past at New York, entituled *An Act for regulating and establishing fees* [fo. 239], mentioned in yesterday's minutes, Mr. Rayner's explanation of some part of his memorial against the said Act was read; and directions given for preparing the draught of a representation proposing her Majesty's repeal of the said Act.

Mr. Compere attending [fo. 254], in relation to the settlement of the poor Palatines in Jamaica, and being asked what land he had there, he said that he had 1,000 acres near Point Morante, and that he had paid the quit rent for the same; that he had been offered 600*l.* for his said land; and being further asked if he was willing to part with any of his said land (in order to the settling of the said Palatines) upon the same terms as had been proposed to Mr. Cotton &c., he promised to return their lordships an answer in ten days.

A letter to the Earl of Sunderland, with the draughts of warrants for her Majesty's signature to the Governors of New York, New Jersey, the Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire, the Leeward Islands, Barbadoes and Bermuda, empowering them to use the new seals for the said government, was signed.

A letter from the Commissioners of the Transport Office, of yesterday's date, in answer to one writ them the 21st instant [fo. 236], relating to the charge of provisions &c. for the poor Palatines and their transportation to Jamaica, was read.

A memorial from Mr. William Atwood, relating to the present state of New York, was laid before the Board, and their lordships agreed to take the same into consideration at a convenient opportunity.

October 27. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter from Mr. Savage, secretary of the Customes, of yesterday's date [fo. 222, 245], in answer to one writ him the fourth instant, for an account of corn exported to foreign parts from the out ports of this kingdom, between Christmas, 1708, to Michaelmas, 1709, &c., was read.

Order of Council, of the 24th instant, upon a representation of the 18th ditto, proposing the repeal of an Act past in New Jersey in December, 1704 [fo. 231, 249], entituled *An Act for regulating negro, Indian and mulato slaves within the province of New Jersey*, approving the said representation, was read.

A second Order of Council, of the 24th instant, upon a representation of the 18th ditto, upon an Act past in Maryland the 17th of December, 1708 [fo. 232, 249], entituled *An Act for relief of poor debtors and languishing prisoners*, proposing a repeal of the said Act, was also read. Whereupon ordered that the draught of letters be prepared for transmitting the said orders [fo. 252], to the Governor[s] of New Jersey and Maryland in order to their being published and entred on the Council Books in those provinces as usual.

A third Order of Council, of the 24th instant [fo. 233], upon a representation of the 8th of September last, on the body of laws past in Pennsylvania in 1705 by John Evans, esquire, then Deputy Governor of that province, proposing a repeal of six of the said laws, was read. Whereupon ordered that a copy of the said order be taken and the original delivered to Mr. Penn.

A fourth Order of Council, of the same date [fo. 233], upon the same representation, approving thereof, and directing this Board to recommend to Mr. Penn the several matters set forth in the said representation. And Mr. Penn attending thereupon, the said orders were read to him; whereupon he desiring that he might have the order of repeal, and the copy of the last mentioned order, as also the reasons for the repeal of the Acts afore-mentioned; ordered that the same be given him accordingly.

Mr. Attorney General's report upon an Act past in Jamaica, sent him the 30th instant [fo. 233, 254], entituled *An Act for the further quieting possessions and preventing vexatious suits at law*, was read, and directions given for preparing the draught of a representation, proposing her Majesty's disallowance of the said law.

October 28. Present:—Lord Dartmouth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

The accounts of corn exported from the port of London, and the out ports of this kingdom, between Christmas, 1708, and Michaelmas, 1709 [fo. 243] (mentioned in yesterday's minutes), having been compared with the like accounts of exports from Christmas, 1707, to Christmas, 1708 (mentioned in the minutes of the 2nd of March last), were laid before the Board, and read.

Sir Gilbert Heathcote and Mr. John Heathcote, his brother, attending, in relation to the settlement of the poor Palatines at Jamaica, and being asked if they knew any of the proprietors' names here in England, who had lands in that island, lying between the north-east of Rio Grande, and south-east of Point Morante, Mr. Heathcote said that he did not, but that he beleived Mr. Edward Broughton, Colonel Lloyd and Colonel Long might be able to give their lordships some information in that matter. Mr. Heathcote added in discourse that he had lands in the precincts of St. Elizabeth's,

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New Jersey.
Order repealing an Act.

Maryland.
Order repealing an Act.

New Jersey.
Maryland.
Letters for transmitting the said orders.

Pennsylvania.
Order on representation on a body of laws.
Repealing six.

Second order on the same representation.
Papers copyd for Mr. Penn.

Jamaica.
Mr. Attorney General's report on an Act.
Representation thereon.

Trade.
Accounts of corn exported &c.

Jamaica.
Sir Gilbert and Mr. John Heathcote.
Palatines.

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*Mr. Broughton and
others summon'd.*

*Sir Robert Cotton.
Answer to proposal
of 18th instant.*

New York.
Acts.

*Sent to Mr.
Solicitor General.*

*An Act to be
reconsider'd.*

Jamaica.
*Mr. Broughton about
settlement of the
Palatines.*

New York.
*Act about bills of
credit to be repeal'd.*

Maryland.
*Letter to Col.
Seymour.*

New Jersey.

which he was willing to surrender up for the good of the said Palatines, if it were thought proper to settle them there. These gentlemen being withdrawn, ordered [fo. 247] that Mr. Broughton have notice to attend the Board on Monday morning next, and that Colonel Lloyd and Colonel Long have notice to do the same [fo. 249] on Tuesday morning next.

Sir Robert Cotton signified to their lordships by the secretary that he did find that Mr. Cotton, his son, had no lands lying within the limits mentioned in the proposal sent him the 18th instant.

Then their lordships took into consideration the Acts past at New York in September and October, 1708 [fo. 201, 288], and in May and June, 1709, transmitted with Colonel Ingoldsby's letter of the 5th of July, 1709, mentioned in the minutes of the 25th of August last, and went through the same; whereupon ordered that two of the said laws, entituled—*An Act to relieve this Colony from divers irregularities and extortions; an Act for the easier partition of lands in the joint tenancy or in common*, past the 30th of October, 1708 [fo. 277], be sent to Mr. Solicitor General, for his opinion upon them in point of law.

Then their lordships agreed to reconsider one of the fore-mentioned Acts [fo. 248], entituled *An Act for the currency of bills of credit for five thousand pounds*, at a convenient opportunity.

October 31. Present:—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

Mr. Broughton attending, as he had been desired the 28th instant [fo. 246], in relation to the settlement of the poor Palatines in Jamaica, and being asked several questions, he said that he did not know the names of the proprietors of the lands intended for the settlement of the poor Palatines; that he did not doubt but that there were lands enough in those limits ungranted; but, however that be, if 1,000 Palatines were sent thither, he made no question but that the patentees of the lands in those parts wou'd readily give them enough to make their settlements; that he thought it would be necessary to send bread with them for one year; but for the other sorts of provisions, he thought if they had enough for six months, it would be sufficient; that it would be necessary to send about 400 bushels of salt, with an iron pot to each family; and as for the powder to be sent with them, he said it ought to be put in small barrels, containing from three to six pound each.

Their lordships, taking again into consideration the Act past at New York the 8th of June, 1709 [fo. 247], entituled *An Act for the currency of bills of credit for five thousand pounds* (mentioned in the minutes of the last meeting) gave directions for preparing the draught of a representation proposing a repeal of the said Act.

The draught of a letter to Colonel Seymour, Governor of Maryland, inclosing her Majesty's Order in Council of the 24th instant [fo. 244], repealing an Act past in that province, entituled *An Act for releif of poor debtors and languishing prisoners*, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

The draught of a letter to the President of the Council of New Jersey [fo. 243], inclosing her Majesty's Order in Council of the

24th instant, repealing an Act past in that province, entitled *An Act for regulating negro, Indian and mulatto slaves within this province*, was also agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

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*Letter to the President
of the Council.*

November 1. Present :—Lord Dartmouth, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton. Colonel Lloyd and Colonel Long attending [*fo.* 246], as they had been desired, and being asked if they knew the names of any of the proprietors of land between the north-east of Rio Grande and the south-east of Point Morante, they said that the widow of Mr. Woodcock, now married to one Ryley at Jamaica, has a great quantity of land in those limits ; that the widow Wall, now in this kingdom, has between 2 and 3,000 acres for her life, the reversion whereof is in her husband's brother, who is in Ireland, and who, they doubted not, would part with the said lands on reasonable terms.

Jamaica.
Palatines.
Col. Lloyd and Col.
Long.

Colonel Long added that he had 500 acres on Plantain Garden River, near Point Morant, which he would willingly surrender for the use of the said Palatines ; that he has also 1,500 acres near Old Harbour on the south side of Jamaica, which he would likewise surrender, if it was thought fit to settle any of the Palatines there ; and both these gentlemen proposed that some of the Palatines might be settled near Port Morante.

Mr. Pulteney having acquainted the Board that the Earl of Carbury had been with him [*fo.* 239], and that his Lordship had told him that he was ready to surrender to her Majesty in fee, such lands as he has lying between Rio Grande and Point St. Antonio, in the parish of St. George's, in Jamaica, for the settlement of the Palatines, being by estimation about 1,000 acres, upon condition that the said 1,000 acres, as likewise the rest of his lands, consisting of about 8,000 acres, and lying in the said island, in the parish of St. Mary's [*fo.* 257], may be discharged from all arrears of quit rent to the time that such surrender shall be made ; whereupon a letter to the Lord High Treasurer was drawn up and signed, acquainting his lordship with the said proposal of the Lord Carbury, and desiring that, if her Majesty shall approve thereof, his lordship will enable this Board to acquaint the Lord Carbury therewith so soon as conveniently may be, in order to the dispatch of their report to her Majesty for the settlement of the said Palatines in that island.

Jamaica.
Palatines.
Earl of Carbury
willing to surrender
his lands.

*Letter to the Lord
High Treasurer.*

Mr. Tryon, Colonel Blakiston, Colonel Jory, and several other gentlemen attending [*fo.* 220, 258], the Order of Council of the 16th of September last, referring to the Board the petition of Colonel Hamilton, Lieutenant Governor of Nevis, praying for a commission to be Lieutenant General of all the Leeward Islands (mentioned in the minutes of the 29th of September last), was again read ; and Mr. Tryon presented to their lordships three certificates, one from several planters and merchants, trading to those islands, the second from Major General Holt, and the third from Colonel Blakiston, all in favour of the said Hamilton, which were read ; whereupon ordered that the draught of a representation be prepared for laying the same before her Majesty.

Leeward Islands.
Mr. Tryon, Col.
Blakiston &c.
Col. Hamilton's
petition to be
Lieutenant General.

*Certificates in his
behalf.*

1709.

Maryland.
Letter to the
Governor.

New Jersey.
Letter to the
President.

Barbadoes.
*Representation upon
an Act appointing
agents.*

New Jersey.
Memorial from Mr.
Dockwra.
Other papers.

Barbadoes.
*Act about Court of
Grand Sessions &c.*

*Sent to Mr.
Attorney General.*

Virginia.

*Mr. D'Oyley about
guardianship of his
brother's children.*

*To put his proposal
in writing.*

Jamaica.
*Mr. Compere about
Palatines &c.*

Letters to the Governor of Maryland and to the President of the Council of New Jersey [fo. 244] for the time being, agreed at the last meeting, were signed.

The draught of a representation upon an Act past in Barbadoes the 16th of May, 1709 [fo. 235, 258], entituled *An Act appointing agents to transact the publick affairs of this island, proposing a repeal thereof*,* as directed the 21st instant, was agreed and order'd to be transcribed.

Mr. Dockwra attending, presented to their lordships a memorial, together with several papers relating to the state and condition of the publick affairs of New Jersey; the said memorial was read.

Their lordships then taking into consideration an Act past in Barbadoes the 11th of May, 1708 [fo. 233, 262], entituled *An Act for holding a Court of Grand Sessions of Oyer and Terminer, General Goal Delivery, and General Sessions of the Peace in this island* (mention'd in the minutes of the 19th of the last month), gave directions for sending the said Act to Mr. Attorney General, for his opinion thereupon in point of law.

November 2. Present:—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

Mr. D'Oyley attending [fo. 194], Mr. Solicitor General's report upon his petition, relating to the guardianship of his nephews that are in Virginia, was communicated to him, and another petition from Mr. D'Oyley to the Board was read, to which he added in discourse that since Mr. Solicitor was of opinion that he could not be guardian to his said nephews, he only desired that directions may be sent to the Commander-in-Chief in Virginia, to summon the eldest of the said children, who is about seventeen or eighteen years old, before him and the Council; and that he be acquainted by them that he shall have liberty to come over to this kingdom if he think fit; as for the youngest child, Mr. D'Oyley desired that the said Commander-in-Chief and Council may have directions to send him over, no person there having a right to the guardianship of him, he having no lands of inheritance by descent from his ancestors, and Mr. D'Oyley did not desire himself to have anything to do with the guardianship of the said child; but that, if it be thought fitting, he may be put under such guardian as the Lord Chancellor shall direct; whereupon he was directed to put his proposal in writing.

Mr. Compere attending [fo. 242], he acquainted their lordships that he had considered of the proposal made to him the 25th of the last month, and was willing to resign to her Majesty one hundred acres of his lands, which lye near Plantain Garden River, about 25 mile from Lynch Island.

November 3. Present:—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

The draught of a representation upon an Act past at Jamaica in April, 1709 [fo. 245, 258], entituled *An Act for the further quieting*

* The last four words are in italics in the MS.

of possessions and preventing vexatious suits at law, as directed the 27th of the last month, proposing a repeal thereof, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

A letter from Mr. Lowndes, of the 2nd instant [fo. 251], in answer to one writ to the Lord Treasurer the 1st ditto, touching the Lord Carbury's being willing to surrender to her Majesty all his lands lying near Port St. Antonio in Jamaica, for settling some of the poor Palatines in that island, was read. Whereupon a letter was writ to the Lord Carbury [fo. 256], acquainting his lordship that the Lord High Treasurer is inclinable on her Majesty's behalf to approve of his proposal for the surrender of his lands in Jamaica for the settlement of the said Palatines, and desiring that his Lordship will please to signify to the Board, in such manner that the same may be transmitted to the Governor of that island, that he does consent the said lands may be cleared by her Majesty for the use aforesaid &c.; and their lordships gave directions [fo. 256] for preparing the draught of a representation for laying the whole matter before her Majesty.

November 7. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

A letter from Mr. Blathwayt, of the 3rd instant [fo. 241], in answer to two letters writ him the 27th of the last month, and 2nd instant, relating to patenting of lands and quit rents in Jamaica, was read.

Mr. Pulteney acquainted their lordships that the Earl of Carbury had been with him [fo. 255], upon the letter writ his lordship the 3rd instant, and had acquainted him that he was ready and willing to sign any instrument the Board should think necessary for the surrendering of his lands near Point St. Antonio; whereupon [fo. 259] the draught of a letter of attorney was drawn up empowering the Council of Jamaica or any one or more of them to make a surrender of the said lands to her Majesty accordingly, and ordered to be communicated to his lordship for his approbation.

Then their lordships took into consideration [fo. 255, *vide infra*] the draught of a representation for settling 1,000 Palatines at Jamaica, and made a progress therein.

November 8. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

Their lordships proceeded further in the consideration of the draught of a representation for settling 1,000 poor Palatines at Jamaica, mentioned in yesterday's minutes, and went through the same, and ordered it to be transcribed.

A letter from Mr. Burchet, of the 4th instant, inclosing some papers relating to the trade at Curacoa [fo. 270], was read; whereupon ordered that Mr. Holt mentioned in the said papers have notice to attend the Board on Tuesday morning next.

A letter from Mr. Lowndes of this day's date [fo. 251, 386], inclosing a report from Mr. Blathwayt, touching the quit rent issuing out of the Earl of Carbury's lands in Jamaica, was read.

1709.

Representation on an Act.

Letter from Mr. Lowndes.

Lord Carbury's lands.

*Palatines.
Letter to the Earl of Carbury.*

Representation.

Jamaica.

Letter from Mr. Blathwayt about quit rents &c.

Jamaica.

Lord Carbury willing to surrender his lands.

Draught of a letter of Attorney for that purpose.

Representation for settling poor Palatines.

Jamaica.

*Palatines.
Representation.*

*Plantations General.
Trade.*

Letter from Mr. Burchet.

*Trade at Curacoa.
Mr. Holt summon'd.*

Jamaica.

Letter from Mr. Lowndes.

Mr. Blathwayt's report.

Quit rents on Lord Carbury's lands.

1709.

Rhode Island.
Mrs. Wharton.
Papers from Mr.
Cranston.

November 9. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

Mrs. Wharton, widow to Mr. Wharton, agent for Rhode Island, attending, presented to their lordships several letters and papers from Mr. Cranston, Governor of that Colony, dated the 5th of December, 1708, which are duplicates of letters from the said Governor, received the 23rd of May last.

Jamaica.
Representation on
an Act about
possessions.

A representation, upon an Act past in Jamaica in April, 1709 [fo. 254, 282], entitled *An Act for the further quieting of possessions, and preventing vexatious suits at law*, proposing a repeal thereof, agreed the 3rd instant, was signed.

Trade.
Prohibition of woollen
manufactures in
Austria.
Letter to Mr. Secretary
Boyle.

Their lordships being informd that the prohibition of our woollen manufactures in the Emperor's hereditary dominions was taken off, gave directions [fo. 260] for preparing the draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle to desire to know what has been done therein.

Barbadoes.
Representation.
Act about agents.

A representation upon an Act past in Barbadoes the 16th of May, 1709 [fo. 252, 281], entitled *An Act appointing agents to transact the publick affairs of this island*, proposing her Majesty's disallowance thereof, agreed the first instant, was signed.

Jamaica.
Representation.
Palatines.

A representation for settling 1,000 Palatines at Jamaica [fo. 256], agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

Leeward Islands.
Representation on
Col. Hamilton's
petition to be
Lieutenant General.

A representation upon the petition of Colonel Walter Hamilton, Lieutenant Governor of Nevis [fo. 251], praying for a commission to be Lieutenant General of the Leeward Islands, mentioned in the minutes of the first instant, was signed.

Trade.
Letter from Mr.
Whyte.
Leather at Bruges.
Letter to the
Earl of Sunderland.

A letter from Mr. David Whyte, of the 6th of November, 1709, n.s. [fo. 67, 260], relating to the sale of leather at Bruges, was read; whereupon ordered that the draught of a letter be prepared to the Earl of Sunderland, inclosing a copy of the said letter.

Jamaica.
Palatines.
Earl of Carbury.

The secretary acquainted their lordships that he had been to wait on the Earl of Carbury [fo. 256, *vide infra*], and had shown his Lordship the draught of a letter of attorney mentioned in the minutes of the 7th instant, for impowering the Council of Jamaica to surrender to her Majesty his Lordship's lands, lying near Port St. Antonio; whereupon his Lordship said that he did not like of surrendering there, but chose rather to have it done here by a deed in form.

Surrender of his
lands.

November 10. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

Jamaica.
Palatines.
Earl of Carbury.
Letter of Attorney to
surrender lands.

Mr. Pulteney acquainting the Board that the Lord Carbury had been with him [*vide supra*, fo. 265], and told him that he was now willing to sign such a letter of attorney as the secretary by their lordships' order had shewd him, impowering the Council of Jamaica to surrender to her Majesty his lands lying near Port St. Antonio, their lordships gave directions for transcribing the said letter of attorney, as also a duplicate thereof on stamp paper.

New Jersey.
New York.

The secretary acquainting their lordships that he had received from the Earl of Sunderland's office two letters from her Majesty, one to Colonel Ingoldesby, revoking his commission of Lieutenant

Governor of New Jersey, the other to the President of the Council of New York, forbidding the passing of lands in that province, till the arrival of Colonel Hunter there, together with copies of the said letters, the said copies were read; and directions given [fo. 238] for transmitting the originals to Captain Gookin, to be by him forwarded to New Jersey and New York accordingly.

A letter to the Earl of Sunderland, inclosing the copy of a letter from Mr. Whyte, of the 6th of November, 1709, n.s. [fo. 259], concerning the sale of leather at Bruges, as directed yesterday, was signed.

A letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle [fo. 258], desiring to know what has been done touching the taking off the prohibition of our woollen manufactures in the Emperor's hereditary dominions, as directed yesterday, was also signed.

Copy of an Order of Council, of the 16th of June, 1709 [M. fo. 247], upon a representation of the 15th of July foregoing, relating to the petition of Mr. Newnam, praying to be discharged out of prison in Bermuda, approving the said representation, was read.

Copy of a second Order of Council, of the 8th of August, 1709 [fo. 173], upon a representation of the 2nd ditto, touching the complaints of Mr. Bently against Mr. Downs in Barbadoes, approving the said representation, was read.

Copy of a third Order of Council, of the 22nd August, 1709 [fo. 168], upon a letter from this Board to the Earl of Sunderland of the 25th of July last, touching the settling of a colony of Switzers in Virginia &c., approving thereof, was read.

Copy of a fourth Order of Council, of the 5th September [fo. 210] upon a representation of the 2nd ditto, relating to the advantage the Dutch have over the English in the Baltic &c., approving the same, and directing the Earl of Sunderland to signify what is necessary to her Majesty's Minister at the Court of Denmark thereupon, was read.

Mr. Attorney General's report upon *An Act past at Barbadoes the 11th of May, 1708* [fo. 252, *vide infra*] for holding a Court of Grand Sessions of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal Delivery and General Sessions of the Peace, transmitted to him the 2nd instant, was read, and directions given for preparing the draught of a representation, proposing a confirmation of the said Act.

A letter from Mr. Baber, dated at the Bath the 29th of October last [fo. 232, 340], inclosing a memorial relating to *An Act past in Jamaica for regulating fees*, was read; and their lordships agreed to stay till Mr. Baber should return to town before they proceeded any further therein.

November 11. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

A representation, upon an Act past in Barbadoes the 11th of May, 1708 [*vide supra*, fo. 281], for holding a Court of Grand Sessions of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal Delivery and General Sessions of the Peace, as directed the last meeting, was signed.

1709.

Her Majesty's letters displacing Col. Ingoldesby and about passing lands at New York, sent to Capt. Gookin.

Trade.

Leather at Bruges. Letter to the Earl of Sunderland.

Letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle about prohibition of woollen manufactures in Austria &c.

Bermuda.

Order on representation upon Mr. Newnam's petition.

Barbadoes.

Order on representation. Bently's complaint against Downs.

Virginia.

Order on a letter to the Earl of Sunderland. Colony of Switzers.

Trade.

Order on representation. Advantage of the Dutch over the English in the Baltick.

Barbadoes.

Mr. Attorney General's report on an Act.

Jamaica.

Letter from Mr. Baber. Memorial upon an Act about fees.

Barbadoes.

Representation on an Act.

1709.

Trade.

Miscellanies.

*Reasons for a
Commissioner of Trade
in Germany.*

Jamaica.

*Letter from the
Governor.*

*Papers therein
referr'd to.*

Mr. Monckton communicated to the Board a paper delivered to him this morning, containing reasons for naming an acting Commissioner of Trade in Germany, which was read.

A letter from Brigadier Handasyd, Governor of Jamaica, dated the 25th of May, 1709, was read, and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

Account of ordnance stores &c. in her Majesty's magazine in Jamaica, and of such as have been issued out for the service of the island.

Minutes of Council in Assembly in Jamaica from the 4th of January, 1708, to the 20th of April, 1709.

Minutes of the Council in Jamaica from the 19th of April, 1708, to the 19th of April, 1709.

Minutes of Assembly in Jamaica from the 4th of January, 1708, to the 20th of April, 1709.

Thirteen Acts past at a General Assembly in Jamaica in January and April, 1709 [*fo.* 266].

*Capt. Gardner
summon'd.*

Whereupon ordered that Captain Gardner have notice to attend [*fo.* 272] the Board on Monday morning next, in relation to what Brigadier Handasyd writes in paragraph D of his said letter, touching recruits &c.

Recruits.

*Second letter from the
Governor.*

*Act about Ivy's
estate.*

A second letter from Brigadier Handasyd, of the 26th of May, 1709 [*fo.* 279], relating to an [Act] past in Jamaica for sale of part of the estate of Mr. Ivy, deceased, desiring the same may be confirmed, was read.

*Third letter from the
Governor*

and

*Papers therein
referr'd to.*

A third letter from Brigadier Handasyd, of the 14th June, 1709, was read, and the papers referr'd to therein were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

List of the escheats found for the Queen at the Grand Court in Jamaica, with the value of them [*fo.* 377].

Affidavit of Arthur Nowlan relating to twenty pounds of amber grease, half whereof has been seized by the naval officer in Jamaica.

*Money for private
intelligence.*

Whereupon their lordships agreed to enquire of Captain Gardner [*fo.* 273] (when he shall come to the Board as above directed) what he has done in relation to the money mention'd in paragraph G of the said letter, expended for private intelligence; as likewise that paragraph K of the same letter [*fo.* 279], touching some amber grease seized by the naval officer in Jamaica, be sent to Mr. Attorney General for his opinion thereupon.

*Letter to Mr.
Attorney General.
Amber grease.*

*Fourth letter from the
Governor.*

A fourth letter from Brigadier Handasyd, of the 18th of July, 1709, was read; and directions given [*fo.* 282] for preparing answers to the said letters.

New York.

*Letter from Mr.
Pringle.*

*Earl of Sunderland's
to the President about
Palatines.*

A letter from Mr. Pringle [*fo.* 266], inclosing a letter from the Earl of Sunderland to the President of the Council of New York, about making provision for the Palatines that are to be sent thither, desiring the said letter may be sent by the first opportunity, was read; whereupon ordered that the same be transmitted to Mr. Gookin, Deputy Governor of Pennsylvania.

Sent Capt. Gookin.

November 14. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

The secretary acquainted their lordships [*fo.* 259] that he had waited on the Lord Carbery with the letter of attorney and duplicate thereof, empowering the Council of Jamaica to surrender his lands to her Majesty lying near Port St. Antonio for the settlement of the Palatines, and that his lordship had executed the same.

A letter from Mr. Delafay, of the 11th instant, to the secretary [*fo.* 265, 291], inclosing duplicates of the Earl of Sunderland's letter to the President of the Council of New York, about making provision for the reception of the Palatines that are to be sent thither, together with a copy of the said letter, was read.

Their lordships took into consideration the Acts past in Jamaica in April, 1709 [*fo.* 263, 394], transmitted with Brigadier Handasyd's letter of the 25th of May following (which was read the 11th instant) and went through the said Acts. Whereupon ordered that in the next letter from their lordships to Brigadier Handasyd, he be acquainted that they cannot propose to her Majesty a confirmation of one of the said Acts, entituled *An Act to enable trustees to make sale of certain lands part of the estate of George Ivy &c.*, by reason there is not a saving clause for the Queen; but that if the Assembly will pass a new law with such a saving clause, and if there be no other objections to it, their lordships will lay the same before her Majesty, for her royal approbation.

Then their lordships gave directions for preparing the draught of a representation upon the rest of the said laws. And further ordered [*fo.* 263] that Mr. Baber, secretary of Jamaica, have notice to attend the Board on Wednesday morning next, in relation to the Act about fees, and that he bring with him in writing what he may have further to offer against the said Act.

A memorial from Mr. Micajah Perry, Mr. Byfeild and Mr. Marshal, complaining that Mr. Thomas Wenham, one of the Council of New York, is indebted to them in a considerable sum, and that they cannot get him to account for the same, by reason of his being of the said Council, and therefore praying that he may be removed from being a member thereof, was read; whereupon their lordships agreed to take the said memorial into consideration at a convenient opportunity.

November 15. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

A letter from Colonel Park, Governor of the Leeward Islands, of the 4th of May, 1709, was read, and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt.:

Affidavits of the officers of the regiment in the Leeward Islands, relating to the complaints against Colonel Park, justifying him from the same, sworn in Council the 12th November, 1708. *Duplicate.*

Address from the Lieutenant Governor and Council of St. Christopher's to her Majesty, in favour of Colonel Park. *Copy.*

Address from the Council and Assembly of Montserrat to her Majesty, justifying Colonel Park from the complaints against him.

1709.

Jamaica.

Palatines.

Earl of Carbury's
letter of attorney.
Surrender of lands.

New York.

Palatines.

Letter from Mr.

Delafay.

Earl of Sunderland's
letter to the President.

Jamaica.

Acts.

Act about estate of
Geo. Ivy.

Representation on
Acts.

Mr. Baber summon'd.

New York.

Memorial from Mr.
Perry &c. against
Mr. Wenham, one
of the Council.

Leeward Islands.

Letter from Col.
Parke.

Papers therein
referr'd to.

1709.

Address from the freeholders, merchants, planters, traders and inhabitants of Antigua to her Majesty, in favour of Colonel Parke.

An account of stores and ammunition in the island of Antego, taken the 10th of February, 1708.

Number of inhabitants in Martinico, with their slaves &c., not including the soldiers. Given in the 1st of January, 1708.

Minutes of Council of Antigua from the 19th March, 1708, to the 28th of April following.

An Act for raising a levy, as well by way of poll-tax on negroes and other slaves belonging to the plantations and inhabitants of the country part of this island ; and also on the freeholders, householders, and traders of the several towns of the same.

An additional clause to the Act entituled *An Act for the more easy repairing the highways*. Both dated the 13th April, 1709.

*Second letter from
Col. Parke.*

A second letter from Colonel Parke, of the 16th of the same month, touching the complaints against him, was read.

*Third letter from him
with
Addresses.*

A third letter from Colonel Parke, of the 23rd of the same month, transmitting the following addresses, was read, &c.

Address from the Council and Assembly of Montserrat to her Majesty, in favour of Colonel Parke.

Address from the merchants, planters and inhabitants of Antegoa to her Majesty, in favour of Colonel Parke.

**Plantations General.
Trade.
Peter Holt.**

*Trade of Curacoa
and St. Thomas.*

Peter Holt, master of the *St. Michael* briganteen, mentioned in the papers referr'd to in Mr. Burchet's letter, read the 8th instant [fo. 257, 313], attending, as he had been directed, and being asked several questions in relation to the trade of Curacoa and St. Thomas ; he said that those islands are furnish'd with rum, sugar, cotton, indigo, provisions &c. from her Majesty's plantations, particularly the Leeward Islands, and with provisions chiefly from Carolina, Pennsylvania and New York, which is a great detriment to our trade in those parts ; for if Curacoa and St. Thomas were not furnish'd with provisions, the French privateers who have them at those islands could not be fitted out, nor could the French trade to the Spanish coast for want of the said provisions, and of the goods which they take in our ships ; that those two islands furnish most of our plantations with European goods, which they have from the French privateers. Then being desired to put what he knew of this matter into writing, he promised to do it at the first opportunity, and to add an account of several irregularities committed in the said plantations. Then the second bills of exchange, mentioned in his letter, referr'd to in that from Mr. Burchet aforesaid, vizt. one dated in Carolina the 27th of May, 1708, for 70 pieces of eight, the other dated at Boston in New England, the sixth of July, 1708, for 88 pieces of eight, five ryals and two stivers, were delivered to him.

Memorial in writing.

*Bills of exchange
returned.*

November 16. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

A letter from Colonel Parke, Governor of the Leeward Islands, of the 24th May, 1709, was read, and the papers therein referr'd to, were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

Account of what great gunns and stores are in Mountserrat, 1st December, 1709.

Account of what great gunns and stores are in St. Christopher's, taken 6th December, 1709.

Account of the loss of her Majesty's ship, the *Adventure*, taken by a French man-of-war.

A second letter from Colonel Parke, of the same date, inclosing three Acts past at Nevis in March and April, 1709, was read.

A third letter from Colonel Parke, of the same date, was read.

A fourth letter from Colonel Parke, of the same date, was also read, and their lordships resolved to proceed with the remainder of Colonel Park's letters to-morrow morning.

Sir William Hodges attending [*fo.* 196], the report of Sir John Cook, her Majesty's Advocate General, upon Sir William's petition, relating to some demands he has on the Portuguese, was read ; and Sir William being withdrawn, their lordships agreed to take the said report and the papers concerning the same, into consideration on Fryday morning next.

Captain Gardner attending [*fo.* 264], paragraph D of Brigadier Handasyd's letter of the 25th of May last, mentioned in the minutes of the 11th instant, relating to recruits, was read ; and he being asked several questions thereupon, he said that 150 recruits had been raised for the regiment in Jamaica, which was 30 more than was wanted, that he had already sent 60 of the said recruits thither, that 60 more were shipt on board the packet now supposed to be sailed, and that care would be taken to send the rest by the next packet. The paragraph G of Brigadier Handasyd's letter of the 14th of June last, mentioned in the aforesaid minutes, relating to money expended for private intelligence [*fo.* 264], was also read ; whereupon Captain Gardner said that he had no particular account what the sume was that had been laid out on that service, nor had he any directions to make application for an allowance of that money here, but that he would write to Brigadier Handasyd for a particular account of that matter, and then lay it before her Majesty.

Sir John Bennet and Mr. Jones attending [*fo.* 97, 311], in relation to the appointing a day for the further hearing of the complaints, as well those against the Governor of Bermuda, as against Mr. Jones, they proposed to their lordships, Wednesday, the 14th of December, for the going on with the said hearing, which their lordships agreed should be on that day accordingly.

November 17. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

A letter from Colonel Parke, Governor of the Leeward Islands, of the 20th of June, 1709, was read, and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

Proceedings of the Court of Chancery in Antego, from 12th September, 1707, to the 23rd of September, 1708.

1709.

Leeward Islands.
Letter from Col.
Parke.

Papers therein
referred to.

Second letter from
him.

Third letter from
him.

Fourth letter from
him.

Trade.
Sir William Hodges.
Sir John Cook's re-
port on his petition.

Jamaica.
Capt. Gardner.
Recruits.

Money for private
intelligence.

Bermuda.
Sir John Bennet and
Mr. Jones.
Hearing appointed.

Leeward Islands.
Letter from Col.
Parke.

Papers of publick
proceedings.

1709.

Minutes of Council of Antego from the 27th of July, 1708, to the 23rd of April, 1709.

Extract about deputy secretary sent Sir C. Hedges.

Whereupon ordered [*fo.* 282] that paragraphs C and D of the said letter, relating to the deputy secretary of those islands, be sent to Sir Charles Hedges.

Letter from Col. Parke.

A second letter from Colonel Parkes, dated the 26th of the same month, was read.

Letter from the Lieut. Governor.

A letter from Mr. Yeamans, Lieutenant Governor of Antego, of the 27th of the same month, touching some complaints he is apprehensive are forming against him, was read ; whereupon ordered that an answer be prepar'd to the said letter.

Barbadoes.

Copy of an order about Mr. Mackaskall.

Order of Council of the 22nd of August, 1709 [*fo.* 280], referring to the Board the petition of Mr. Mackaskell, Deputy Clerk of the Crown in Barbadoes, complaining of Mr. Crow's disobeying her Majesty's Order in Council of the 27th of February, 1708, &c., was read, as also a copy of the said Order, whereupon order'd that Colonel Steward, Clerk of the Crown, have notice to attend the Board on Wednesday morning next.

Col. Steward summon'd.

Trade.

Portugal. Draught of a representation on the merchants' complaints. Merchants summon'd.

The draught of a representation upon the memorial of the Portugal merchants to the Earl of Galway [*fo.* 191, 277], complaining of the grievances and hardships they labour under there, was read ; whereupon ordered that the merchants have notice to attend the Board on Monday morning next.

November 18. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

Trade.

Sir William Hodges's demand from the Portuguese.

Their lordships took into consideration the reference from the Earl of Sunderland upon the petition of Sir William Hodges [*fo.* 195, 282], touching the demand he has on the Portuguese, together with all the papers in this office relating thereto, which were read, and directions were given for preparing the draught of a representation for laying the same before her Majesty.

Draught of representation.

Virginia.

Maryland.

Acts about ports and towns.

Report from Commissioners of the Customes.

Mr. Perry and Mr. Hyde attending, in relation to two Acts past in Virginia and Maryland, for establishing ports and towns there [*fo.* 76, 283], the report from the Commissioners of the Customs, of the 28th of July, 1709, to the Lord High Treasurer, upon the said Acts, brought this day from the Treasury, was read ; and Mr. Perry desiring their lordships would be pleased to dispatch their report to her Majesty as soon as possible, their lordships promised to do the same accordingly ; then these gentlemen being withdrawn, and the secretary laying before the Board all the papers in this office relating to that matter, and particularly an Order of Council of the 29th of March, 1704 [*Virg. C., fo.* 70], referring to the then Commissioners of Trade, a presentment from the Commissioners of the Customes to the Lord Treasurer [*ibid.* 72], a memorial from the merchants to the Commissioners of the Customes [*ibid.* 74], and the Lord Treasurer's report thereon to her Majesty together with the representation of this Board [*ibid.* 71] in pursuance of the foregoing reference. Her Majesty's Order in Council of the 5th of April, 1705 [*ibid.* 104], upon the said representation [*ibid.* 109], and that part of Colonel Nott's instructions, relating to building of towns &c. [*ibid.* 181], the same were all read ; whereupon

Papers relating thereto.

ordered that the secretary do write to Mr. Perry and Mr. Hyde, to know whether they have any account of what has been done in Virginia and Maryland, towards the building of towns &c.

November 21. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

Mr. Solicitor General's report of the 14th instant, upon two Acts past at New York the 6th and 30th of October, 1708 [fo. 247, 278], about irregularities and extortions, and for the easier partition of lands &c., transmitted in the secretary's letter of the 31st of the last month, was read; whereupon ordered that Colonel Hunter and Mr. Champante have notice to attend the Board on Wednesday morning next.

The Portugal merchants attending, as directed [fo. 275, 278], the draught of a representation upon the complaints of the merchants in Portugal was communicated to them, which they declared did fully answer their desire, and return'd their thanks to the Board for their favourable report in this matter. These gentlemen being withdrawn, ordered that the said representation be transcribed.

November 23. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

Colonel Hunter and Mr. Champante attending, as they had been directed [fo. 277], their lordships acquainted them with the purport of two Acts past at New York, one the 24th of May, 1709, *for regulating and establishing of fees* [fo. 319], the other in 1708 *to relieve the colony from divers irregularities and extortions*, by a clause in which last Act, no fees are to be taken but what shall be settled by a law to be passed there; and after some discourse thereupon, their lordships gave directions for preparing the draught of a representation upon the said two Acts.

A representation upon the complaint of the merchants in Portugal [fo. 277], relating to the grievances they labour under there, agreed at the last meeting, together with a letter to the Earl of Sunderland, inclosing the same, were signed.

Mr. Solicitor General's report of the 22nd instant, upon an Act past in Jamaica in April, 1709 [fo. 264, 325], *relating to the sale of part of the estate of George Ivy, deceased*, &c., was read; and directions given for preparing the draught of a representation proposing to her Majesty a confirmation of the said Act.

Mr. Attorney General's report of this day's date, relating to some amber grease seized in Jamaica [fo. 265], was read; whereupon ordered that a copy of the said report be sent to Brigadier Handasyd for his information.

A letter from Brigadier Handasyd, Governor of Jamaica, of the 8th of September last, together with the abstract of two intercepted letters, relating to the damages some British ships have done the Spaniards in the South Seas, were read. Whereupon ordered that paragraph C of the said letter relating to the ships of war, and copies of the said abstracts, be sent to the Earl of Sunderland [fo. 281],

1709.

*Letter to Messrs.
Perry and Hyde.*

New York.

*Mr. Solicitor
General's report on
two Acts.*

*Col. Hunter and Mr.
Champante summon'd.*

Trade.

*Portugal merchants.
Representation on
their complaints.*

New York.

Col. Hunter &c.

Acts.

*Draught of representa-
tion thereon.*

Trade.

*Representation on
Portugal
merchants' com-
plaints.*

*Letter to the
Earl of Sunderland.*

Jamaica.

*Solicitor General's
report on the Act
about Ivy's estate.
Draught of representa-
tion thereon.*

*Attorney General's
report about
amber grease seiz'd.*

*Letter from Brigadier
Handasyd.*

*Intercepted letters
about damages by
British ships in the
South Seas.
Copies sent the
Earl of Sunderland.*

1709.

*Vexatious proceedings
at law.**Mr. Jones summon'd.***Barbadoes.***Col. Stewart and
others..**Petition of Mr.
Macaskell.**Proofs.**Certificate from Mr.
Skene.**Affidavits of
Mackaskell and Cook.*

and that paragraph B of the same letter relating to the merchants' complaint touching vexatious proceedings of law in Jamaica, concerning lands and negroes, be communicated to Mr. Jones, one of the complainants, and that the said Jones have notice to attend the Board to that end accordingly.

Colonel Steward, with several Barbadoes gentlemen, attending [fo. 275, 301], the Order of Council of the 22nd of August last, referring the petition of Mr. Macaskell complaining of Mr. Crow's disobeying her Majesty's Order &c. (mentioned in the minutes of the 17th instant), was read, and these gentlemen being asked what proof they had that her Majesty's said Order in Council of the 27th of February last (also mentioned in the aforesaid minutes) had been delivered to Mr. Crow, as set forth in the petition, they said that there were several letters from the said Mackascall and Major Pilgrim, one of the Council there, giving an account of that matter; whereupon they were directed to lay the extracts of such letters before the Board, which they promised to do accordingly. They then presented to their lordships a certificate from Mr. Skene, dated the 31st of August last, setting forth that the above-mentioned Order of the 27th February has not been yet read or published at any sitting of the Council; as also two affidavits of the said Mackaskall and Giles Cook, which being read, the said affidavits were found to relate to the said Mackaskall's first petition of complaint, and not to that which is now before their lordships.

November 24. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

A letter to the Earl of Sunderland, inclosing a copy of the extracts of Spanish letters transmitted by Brigadier Handasyd [fo. 279], about the damages done by British ships in the South Seas, and an extract of what he writes, touching the number of ships of war left at Jamaica, and the want of seamen, as directed yesterday, was signed.

Order of Council of the 18th instant, upon are presentation of the 9th ditto [fo. 258], proposing the repeal of an Act pass'd in Barbadoes, *appointing agents to transact the publick affairs of this island*, approving the same, was read; whereupon ordered that in the next letter to Mr. Crow, the said order be sent to him, together with the reason for the repeal of the said Act.

Order of Council of the 18th instant [fo. 262], upon a representation of the 11th ditto, proposing the confirmation of an Act pass'd in Barbadoes, *for holding a Court of Grand Sessions of Oyer and Terminer, General Goal Delivery and General Sessions of the Peace, &c.*, approving the said representation, was read; whereupon ordered that the same be likewise sent to Mr. Crow.

Order of Council of the 18th of November [fo. 258], upon a representation of the 9th ditto, proposing the repeal of an Act past in Jamaica *for the further quieting of possessions and preventing vexatious suits at law*, approving the said representation, was read; whereupon order'd that the same be transmitted to Brigadier Handasyd.

Jamaica.*Letter to the
Earl of Sunderland.
Extracts of Spanish
letters &c.
Ships of war.
Want of seamen.***Barbadoes.***Order of Council
repealing an Act.**Order confirming an
Act.***Jamaica.***Order repealing an
Act.*

Sir Charles Hedges acquainted the Board, in relation to the letter writ him the 18th instant [fo. 274], touching the complaint of Colonel Park against the deputy secretary of Antego, that he would write to the said deputy, and admonish him to be more carefull for the future.

The draught of a letter to Brigadier Handasyd, Governor of Jamaica [fo. 265], in answer to several from him, as directed the 11th instant, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

The draught of a representation on the petition of Sir William Hodges [fo. 275, 283], relating to the demand he has on the Portuguese, as directed the 18th instant, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

Mr. Graves and Colonel Rhet attending, Colonel Rhet presented to their lordships a memorial, containing extracts of several letters he has received from Carolina, dated in February and April, 1709 [fo. 216], giving an account of the number of ships taken by the French in the Bahama Islands, as also of the cruelties committed by them on the inhabitants there, was read.

November 25. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

A representation upon the petition of Sir William Hodges [fo. 282], touching the debt due to him from the Crown of Portugal, agreed at the last meeting, together with a letter to the Earl of Sunderland, inclosing the same, were signed.

Colonel Blakiston and Captain Hyde attending, with one John Bradford, lately arrived from Maryland [fo. 276, 285], and being ask'd several questions in relation to the progress made in that colony towards the building of towns, the said Bradford answered that there were several places laid out for towns, particularly ten in Patuxent, though there had yet been but few houses built, that three-quarters of those built were warehouses for lodging of tobacco, and that he beleived the whole expence in that matter did not amount to 1,500*l*. And they added that by the several letters and informations from Virginia, they understood that nothing at all had been done there towards the building of towns. These gentlemen being withdrawn, their lordships took into consideration the following laws, vizt., one past in Virginia in 1706 [fo. 276], entituled *An Act establishing ports and towns*. Three Acts past in Maryland, vizt. :

An Act for the advancement of trade and erecting ports and towns in the province of Maryland, past in April, 1706.

A supplementary Act to the Act for advancement of trade, and erecting ports and towns, past in April, 1707.

An additional Act to the supplementary Act for advancement of trade and erecting ports and towns in this province, and for the sale of some publick lands and building, in the town of St. Mary's in St. Mary's County, past in December, 1708.

Whereupon directions were given for preparing the draught of a representation proposing a repeal of the said laws.

Their lordships again took into consideration the memorial of the Maryland merchants upon an Act past in that province in

1709.

Leeward Islands.
Sir Charles Hedges
about
deputy secretary
of Antigua.

Jamaica.
Letter to the
Governor.

Trade.
Representation on
Sir William Hodges's
petition against the
Portuguese.

Carolina.
Bahama Islands.
Mr. Graves and Col.
Rhet.
Memorial about
damages sustain'd
(sic) by the French.

Trade.
Representation on
Sir William Hodges's
petition.

Virginia.
Maryland.
Col. Blakiston.
Capt. Hyde &c.
Ports and towns.

Acts relating
thereto.

Draught of representa-
tion.

Maryland.
Memorial of mer-
chants.

1709.

*Act about bills of exchange.**Draught of a representation.***Jamaica.***Letter to the Governor.*

December, 1708 [*fo.* 230, 286], entitled *An Act ascertaining what damages shall be allowed upon protested bills of exchange* (mentioned in the minutes of the 17th of October last), and gave directions for preparing a representation, proposing the repeal of the said Act.

A letter to Brigadier Handasyd, Governor of Jamaica [*fo.* 282, 311], agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

November 28. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

Leeward Islands.*Letter to the Governor.*

The draught of a letter to Colonel Park, Governor of the Leeward Islands [*fo.* 289], was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Maryland.**Virginia etc.***Draught of representation on laws about ports and towns.*

The draught of a representation upon the laws past in Virginia and Maryland [*fo.* 283, 291], relating to ports and towns, as directed at the last meeting, proposing a repeal of the said laws, was agreed and order'd to be transcribed.

Leeward Islands.*Mr. Perry about Col. Park's being shot.*

Mr. Micajah Perry attending, acquainted their lordships that he had received a letter from one of his correspondents in the Leeward Islands, giving an account that Colonel Park was shot by a negro, and his left arm was broke, but that they had hopes of his recovery.

Maryland.*Draught of a representation on an Act about bills of exchange.*

The draught of a representation upon an Act past in Maryland the 11th of December, 1708 [*fo.* 285, 289], entitled *An Act ascertaining what damages shall be allowed upon protested bills of exchange*, proposing her Majesty's disallowance thereof, as directed at the last meeting, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Barbadoes.*Letters from Mr. Crow.*

A letter from Mr. Crow, Governor of Barbadoes, of the 20th of June, 1709, was read.

A second letter from Mr. Crow, dated the 9th of August, 1709, acknowledging the receipt of her Majesty's Order relating to the provost marshal of that island, and promising to obey the same &c., was read.

A third letter from Mr. Crow, dated the 2nd of September, 1709, was read, and the papers therein referr'd to, were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :—

Papers of publick proceedings.

Mr. Crow's speech to the Assembly of Barbadoes, the 16th of August, 1709.

Copy of Captain Bushel's bond to Mr. Crow, obliging himself to touch at Antego &c.

List of causes undetermined in the Chancery in Barbadoes, to the 25th of August, 1709.

A list of causes determined in the several Courts of Common Pleas in Barbadoes, from August, 1708, to August, 1709.

A list of baptisms and burials in Barbadoes, from the 24th of August, 1708, to the 1st of August, 1709.

A list of negroes imported from Guinea, from the 24th of June, 1708, to the 1st of August, 1709.

List of the inhabitants in Martinico, with the number of their slaves, horses, cattle, &c.

Account of prizes and seizures in Barbadoes, since August, 1708.

1709.

Account of the stores of war in the magazine in Barbadoes, from the first of January, 1708, to the 1st of July, 1709.

Naval officers' list of ships, from the 25th of March, 1709, to the 24th of June following.

Minutes of Council in Assembly of Barbadoes, from the 6th of January to the 29th of March, 1709.

Minutes of Council in Assembly, from the 6th of April to the 18th of June, 1709.

Minutes of the Assembly of Barbadoes, from the 22nd of March, 1708, to the 24th of August, 1709.

Copy of an Act for adjourning the Grand Sessions, past the 4th of June, 1709.

Two Acts past in Barbadoes the 24th of June, 1709.

Whereupon directions were given for preparing answers to the said letters.

The secretary having received a paper containing some considerations relating to the good government of Barbadoes, laid the same before the Board.

The draught of a representation upon several Acts past in New York in September and October, 1708 [*fo.* 246, 289], and in May and June, 1709, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Answers to be prepared to Mr. Crow's letters.

Paper about well governing Barbadoes.

New York.
Representation on Acts.

Leeward Islands.
Letter to Col. Park.

Trade.
Letter from Mr. Secretary Boyle. Petition for a pass for the ship St. Francis.

New York.
Representation on Acts

Maryland.
Representation on an Act.

Trade.
Africa.
Answer to queries.

Number of ships,

10 per cent.

New York.

November 29. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter to Colonel Park, Governor of the Leeward Islands [*fo.* 285], agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Boyle of the 23rd instant [*fo.* 299], referring to the Board a petition of Anthony Merry and other the owners of the ship *St. Francis Xaveria*, of Palm, praying her Majesty's passport for the said ship to go from hence to the Canaries, and from thence to Curacoa &c., was read, whereupon their lordships agreed to take the same into consideration at a convenient opportunity.

A representation upon several Acts past in New York in 1708 and 1709 [*fo.* 288, 318], agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

A representation upon the Act past in Maryland [*fo.* 286, 331], for *ascertaining what damages shall be allow'd upon protested bills of exchange*, agreed at the last meeting, was also signed.

Answer of the separate traders to Africa to several queries sent them in the secretary's letter of the 21st of the last month, [*fo.* 234, 313] together with the following papers, were read.

Number of ships sent from the ports of Great Britain, by the separate traders and Company to Africa, from Michaelmas, 1708, to Michaelmas, 1709, with the 10 *per cent* paid.

Account of the number of negroes imported into the Plantations by the separate traders and Company, between Michaelmas, 1708, and July, 1709.

November 30. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter from the Earl of Sunderland, of yesterday's date [*fo.* 266], referring to this Board a proposal from Colonel Hunter, relating

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*Letter from the
Earl of Sunderland.
Proposal from Col.
Hunter.
Palatines.*

*Col. Hunter with
memorial about the
Palatines.*

*New Jersey.
Proprietors.
Memorial against
six of the Council.*

*Virginia.
Maryland.
Representation.
Acts about ports &c.*

*New York.
Palatines.
Additional memorial
from Col. Hunter.*

*Trade.
Letter to Mr.
Savage.
Naval stores.*

*New York.
Palatines.
Col. Hunter.
Mr. Lodwick.
Mr. Scot.*

to the settlement of some Palatines at New York, was read; whereupon their lordships agreed to take the same into consideration from day to day till they should have dispatched their representation upon this matter to her Majesty.

Colonel Hunter attending, presented to their lordships a memorial touching the settlement of 3,000 Palatines at New York [fo. 292], which was read; whereupon Colonel Hunter added that the intention of his proposal was that the said Palatines should work for her Majesty or the publick till by their labour they had reimbursed the charge expended for their settlement and maintenance. Then Colonel Hunter being withdrawn, their lordships agreed to take the said memorial into consideration to-morrow morning.

Mr. Richier and several other of the proprietors of New Jersey attending, presented to the Board a memorial [fo. 317], proposing that six of the present members of the Council there may be left out of the instructions to be given to Colonel Hunter for the government of that province, which was read; whereupon their lordships agreed to take the same into consideration at a convenient opportunity.

A representation upon the laws past in Virginia and Maryland [fo. 285], relating to the building of ports and towns there, agreed the 28th instant, was signed.

December 1. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

Colonel Hunter attending, presented to the Board an additional memorial [fo. 291, 293] to that he delivered in yesterday for imploying the Palatines to be settled at New York, which was read; whereupon their lordships took into consideration the employing of the said Palatines in that province, and made a progress therein.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Savage, secretary of the Customes [fo. 311], for an account of naval stores imported into this kingdom from her Majesty's Plantations and other foreign parts from Christmas, 1707, to Christmas, 1708, specifying how many of the said stores from the Plantations have had the allowance of the premium.

December 2. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

Their lordships again proceeded in the consideration of the settling and employing of the Palatines [fo. 292, 295], proposed to be sent to New York, and Colonel Hunter, Mr. Lodwick and also Mr. Scot, who left that province in January last attending, they were discoursed with on several heads; first, in relation to the place of settlement, they agreed that the lands resumed to the Queen on the Mohack and Hudson's River, were very proper, those places abounding with pine trees; and Mr. Scot added that none of those resumed lands had been regranted by the Lord Cornbury when he came away; Colonel Hunter said that besides several things which would be necessary for carrying on the work of naval stores

(of which he would bring a list) there were others which required immediate directions for the providing of them, because it would take up time to make them, vizt., six cauldrons of a 100 gallons each, 12 ladles and 12 funnels to each cauldron, six cauldrons of 80 gallons each, with 8 ladles and 8 funnels to each cauldron, and 200 hatchets for tapping of trees; that he had spoke to my Lord Treasurer thereupon, who had directed him to bespeak the same out of hand; that there was also preparing tools and other necessaries, exclusive of those for the production of naval stores, to be sent along with the said Palatines, a list whereof he promised to bring to their lordships to-morrow morning. He added that there would be wanting about 600 tents, with bedding in proportion, to lodge the said Palatines in, till hutts can be built for them; that it would be necessary to subsist the said Palatines for 12 months at least, from the time of their landing at New York. And these gentlemen being inquired of what would be fit to be allow'd for the said subsistence, Mr. Lodwick said that he thought sixpence sterling a day *per* head for the men and women, and fourpence *per* head for the children under ten years old, would be sufficient; that it would be necessary to send over three or four persons well versed in the manufactory of naval stores, particularly of tarr if possible to be had, to instruct the Palatines in that work, and that these instructions [*sic*] be encouraged to go over, by a salary to be allowed them of about 200 pound a peice. That there be also a supervisor appointed, with a salary of about 100*l.* for each distinct settlement; and one general storehouse at New York with a store-keeper, to receive the pitch and tar from the Palatines, and to transmit the same to this kingdom, and that about twenty bushels of hemp seed be sent along with them, in order to make a tryal of raising of hemp there.

Their lordships resolved to proceed further in that matter to-morrow morning.

December 3. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

The draught of a representation, on the proposal of Colonel Hunter [*fo.* 293, 296], for settling three thousand Palatines at New York, and for employing them in the production of naval stores there, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

December 5. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

A representation on Colonel Hunter's proposal [*fo.* 295, 315] for settling 3,000 of the Palatines at New York, and for employing them in the production of naval stores in that province, agreed at the last meeting, together with a letter to the Earl of Sunderland, inclosing the same, were signed.

A letter from Mr. Joseph Taylor, Commodore of the Newfoundland convoy, dated the 18th of the last month, from Bearhaven in Ireland, was read, and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt.:

1709.

Utensils &c. to be bought.

Tools and other necessaries exclusive of those for naval stores.

*Tents.
Bedding.
Subsistence.*

*Persons understanding the production of naval stores.
Their salary.*

*A supervisor.
Store keeper.*

Hemp.

*New York.
Palatines.
Representation on Col. Hunter's proposal.*

*New York.
Palatines.
Representation on Col. Hunter's proposals.
Letter to the Earl of Sunderland.*

*Newfoundland.
Letter from Commodore Taylor.*

1709.

*Papers therein
referr'd to.*

Copy of a letter from Commodore Taylor to the Earl of Sunderland, of the 18th November, 1709 [*fo.* 316], relating to the present state of defence of Newfoundland, and what ought further to be done for the security of that place &c.
Account of stores left in the fort at St. John's in Newfoundland by Commodore Taylor, together with a list of the officers there &c.

Account of the fishery in Newfoundland for the year 1709, with the fish and train carried from thence to market.

An account of the present state of Placentia in Newfoundland.

*Two letters from
Mr. Burchet.*

Two letters from Mr. Burchet, of the 2nd and 3rd instant [*fo.* 316], inclosing several papers relating to the present state of Newfoundland, which were all read, and are as follows :—

Papers inclosed.

Copy of Commodore Taylor's letter to the Earl of Sunderland about the state of Newfoundland.

A plan of the fort at St. John's.

Mr. Keen's journal about the taking of St. John's.

Copy of the proposals of the inhabitants of the English part of Newfoundland, to Monsieur St. Ovide, for liberty to ransom their goods.

Copy of a paper relating to the articles made with the French, upon their taking St. John's, and to the hostages detained by them.

Mr. Southmayd's and Mr. Collins' account of Placentia.

Mr. Hearls' description of Placentia.

An account of Placentia.

Copy of Mr. Holdesworth and Mr. Hayman's letter to Captain Shales of the 5th July, 1709, relating to the condition of the harbour of St. John's.

Account of stores left at Newfoundland, 1709.

Account of stores at St. John's, and officers at Newfoundland in 1709.

Account of the fishery in 1709.

Copy of a letter from Major Lloyd to Captain Henry Pearden and others at St. John's, dated at Placentia, the 9th of May, 1709.

*Such as not received
from the Commodore
to be copyd.*

Whereupon ordered that copies of such of the said papers as are not transmitted to this office by the foresaid Commodore be taken, and the originals returned to Mr. Burchet.

Plantations General.
New England &c.
Col. Nicholson.
*Expedition against
Canada.*

Colonel Nicholson attending, and giving their lordships an account of what had been done in America in relation to the intended expedition against Canada [*fo.* 303], he was desired to put the same into writing, which he promised to do accordingly.

December 6. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

Trade.
*Petition of Anthony
Merry and others.*
Pass for a ship.

The reference from Mr. Secretary Boyle, of the 23rd of November last [*fo.* 289, 302], upon the petition of Anthony Merry and others, for a passport for the ship *St. Francis* to sail to the Canaries, Curacoa &c. (mentioned in the minutes of the 29th of the last month), was again read; whereupon ordered that Mr. Lloyd, or the petitioner, have notice to attend the Board on Thursday morning next.

*Mr. Lloyd or the
petitioner to attend.*

Captain Moody attending [*fo.* 77, 339], and being asked several questions in relation to Newfoundland, he said he was preparing a memorial upon that matter, and would lay the same before their lordships as soon as possible.

A letter from Colonel Seymour, Governor of Maryland, dated the 10th of January, 170⁸, was read.

A second letter from Colonel Seymour, of the 10th of March, 170⁸, was read, and the papers therein refer'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

Copy of a charter for erecting the town and port of Annapolis &c. in Maryland into a city by the name of the city of Annapolis, dated the 22nd of November, 1708.

Colonel Seymour's observations upon the laws past in Maryland in December, 1708.

Acts past in Maryland in December, 1708.

Minutes of the Council of Maryland, from the 27th September, 1708, to the 5th of October following.

Minutes of Council in Assembly in Maryland, from the 29th November, 1708, to the 17th December following.

Minutes of Assembly in Maryland, from the 27th of September, 1708, to the 4th of October following.

Minutes of Assembly in Maryland, from the 29th of November, 1708, to the 17th of December following.

Minutes of the Committee of Accounts, beginning the 3rd of December, 1708, and ending the 14th of December following.

Whereupon their lordships agreed to reconsider paragraph E of the said letter [*fo.* 301], relating to the itinerent judges in Maryland.

December 7. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

Their lordships took into consideration paragraph E of Colonel Seymour's letter of the 10th of March, 170⁸ [*fo.* 300], mentioned in yesterday's minutes, relating to itinerent judges in Maryland, and gave directions for answering the same.

A letter from the Governor and Council of Carolina, of the 17th of September, 1708, in answer to one writ them the 7th of May, 1707, was read ; and directions given for preparing an answer thereto.

Colonel Stewart attending [*fo.* 280], he presented to their lordships a certificate that her Majesty's Order in Council of the 27th of February, 1708, on the petition of Mr. Mackaskell against Mr. Crow, was presented to him the 12th of May, 1709, which was read ; and after some discourse with Colonel Stewart upon the matter, their lordships gave directions for preparing the draught of a representation for laying the same before her Majesty.

December 8. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

Mr. Lloyd attending [*fo.* 299, 305], as he had been directed the 6th instant, with Mr. Fitz Gerralld, one of the owners of the ship *St. Francis Xavieria*, of Palm, and being asked several questions in

1709.
Newfoundland.
Capt. Moody.

Maryland.
Letter from Col. Seymour.
Second letter from him.

Papers therein
referr'd to.

Itinerent judges.

Maryland.
Itinerent judges.

Carolina.
Letter from the Governor and Council.

Barbadoes.
Col. Stewart.
Certificate of delivering an order about
Mr. Mackaskell.
Draught of a representation.

Trade.
Mr. Lloyd and FitzGerald.
Mr. Merry's petition.
Pass for a ship.

1709.

*Draught of
representation.*

*New England.
Letter from Col.
Dudley.*

*Second letter from
him.*

*Third letter from
him.*

*Fourth letter from
him.*

*Papers therein
referr'd to.*

relation thereto, they said the ship was to be laden with woollen goods, silk, stockings and other manufactures of this kingdom; that the said ship was wholly owned by her Majesty's subjects; that she was to sail to the Canaries, from thence to Carracas and other parts of the Spanish West Indies, and to return to Great Britain with goods and merchandizes of the growth and manufactures of Spain and its dominions. And these gentlemen being withdrawn, their lordships gave directions for preparing the draught of a representation thereupon.

A letter from Colonel Dudley, Governor of the Massachusetts Bay, to the secretary, dated the 27th of December, 1708, acknowledging the receipt of the Board's letter by the Lord Lovelace, was read.

A second letter from Colonel Dudley to the secretary, dated the 16th August, 1709 [*fo.* 298], relating to the intended expedition against Canada; the loss by French privateers, and a dispute between the Massachusetts Bay and Connecticut about their bounds, was read.

A third letter from Colonel Dudley to the secretary, dated the 25th of October, 1709, was read.

A fourth letter from Colonel Dudley to the Board, dated the 1st of March, 170⁸, was read; and the papers therein referr'd to, were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt.:

List of the present counsellors in the Massachusetts Bay.

Account of gunpowder issued in the Massachusetts Bay, from the first of April, 1703, to the first of March, 170⁸.

Account of gunpowder bought for the Massachusetts Bay, from May, 1703, to May, 1708.

Copy of a warrant from three of the select men of Swansey to a constable there, against Mr. Fisk, a divine, for having preach'd to some people at their own request.

List of causes try'd in the several Courts of Justice in the Massachusetts Bay, from December, 1703, to March, 170⁸.

Three proclamations about privateers, the Union and a general fast &c.

Several Acts past at a General Assembly of the Massachusetts Bay, begun and held in May, 1708.

Minutes of Council of the Massachusetts Bay, from the 16th of February, 1707, to the 14th June, 1708.

Minutes of Council of the Massachusetts Bay, from the 15th June, 1707, to the 4th of November following.

Minutes of Council of the Massachusetts Bay, from the 7th of November, 1707, to the 12th of February following.

Minutes of the Assembly of the Massachusetts Bay, from the 29th of October, 1707, to the 16th of December following.

Minutes of Assembly of the Massachusetts Bay, from the 26th of May, 1708, to the 6th of July following.

Minutes of Assembly of the Massachusetts Bay, from the 20th of October, 1708, to the 6th of November following.

Whereupon directions were given for preparing answers thereunto.

December 9. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle, upon the petition of Mr. Merry and others [*fo.* 302], praying for a pass for the ship *St. Francis Xaveria*, of Palm, to go from this kingdom to the Canaries &c., as directed at the last meeting, was signed.

A letter to Mr. Crow, Governor of Barbadoes, directed the 28th of the last month, was signed.

A letter from Mr. Addington, of the 15th of March, 1708, to the secretary, specifying the papers of publick proceedings sent by the *Falmouth* man-of-war, was read.

A second letter from Mr. Addington to the secretary, dated the 26th of October, 1709, was read.

A letter from Mr. Plaisted, of the 12th of April, 1709, touching the difficulty he meets with in cutting of timber for masts in New England by reason of the neutrality held at New York with the enemy &c., was read.

A letter from Mr. Bridger, surveyor of the woods on the Continent in America, dated the 6th of July, 1708, was read; and the papers therein referr'd to, were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt.:

Copies of Colonel Dudley's warrant to seize such persons as have cutt masts without licence.—Bonds given by them to appear.—Several depositions against the offenders.—Their tryal and acquittal.—Mr. Bridger's appeal thereon.—Warrant for Mr. Taylor to cut masts.—Plaisted's letter to Colonel Dudley, and deposition touching masts cut by him.—Several depositions about the bounds of Kittery, York and Wells in New England.

Copy of an Act for the better preservation of all masts, trees, or white pine trees within her Majesty's province of New Hampshire [*fo.* 311].

Whereupon ordered that the draught of a representation be prepared, proposing the confirmation of the said Act. [The original being among other laws of New Hampshire. No. 8.]

A second letter from Mr. Bridger, of the 27th of March, 1709, was read.

A third letter from Mr. Bridger, of the 17th of August, 1709, was also read.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Savage [*fo.* 311], to desire to know whether the Commissioners of the Customs have anything under consideration in relation to Mr. Bridger aforesaid.

December 12. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter from Colonel Dudley, Governor of New Hampshire, dated the 1st of March, 1708, was read, and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt.:

List of the present counsellors of New Hampshire, as also of those recommended to supply vacancies therein.

Minutes of her Majesty's Superior Court of Judicature, upon several causes try'd there in August, 1708.

Minutes of Council in New Hampshire, from 21st October, 1707, to 20th January, 1708.

1709.

Trade.

Letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle.

Mr. Merry's petition. Pass for a ship.

Barbadoes.

Letter to Mr. Crow.

New England.

Letter from Mr. Addington.

Second letter from Mr. Addington.

Letter from Mr. Plaisted.

New England.

Letter from Mr. Bridger.

Papers therein referr'd to.

(New Hampshire.

Act about mast and white pine trees.

Representation thereupon.)

Second letter from Mr. Bridger.

Third letter from him.

Letter to Mr. Savage.

New Hampshire.

Letter from Col. Dudley.

Papers therein referr'd to.

1709.

**Massachusetts.
New Hampshire.**
*Letter from Col.
Dudley.
Papers therein
referr'd to.*

Seven Acts past by the General Assembly of New Hampshire in October, 1707, and May and November, 1708.

A second letter from Colonel Dudley of the 2nd of March, 1708, was read, and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

Account of ordnance and stores of war that are in the Castle, and the several forts in New England, as also of such of the said stores as have been expended.

Minutes of Council in Assembly in New Hampshire from the 15th of October, 1707, to the 18th November, 1708.

New Hampshire.
*Third letter from
Col. Dudley.*

A third letter from Colonel Dudley to the secretary, of the 15th of March, 1708, relating to Major Smith, recommended to be one of the Council of New Hampshire &c., was also read, whereupon directions were given for preparing answers thereto.

*Letter from Mr.
Usher.*

A letter from Mr. Usher, Deputy Governor of New Hampshire, of the 23rd of March, 1708, concerning the money raised for paying the agent appointed by the Assembly of that province to solicit their affairs in England &c., was read.

*Second letter from
Mr. Usher.*

A second letter from Mr. Usher, without date, was likewise read, and directions were given for preparing answers to the same.

Connecticut.
*Letter from the
Governor and
Company.
Negroes.*

A letter from the Governor and Company of Connecticut, of the 26th of January, 1708 [M. fo. 111], in answer to one writ them the 15th of April, 1708, requiring an account of the number and price of negroes brought thither directly from Africa &c., was read.

*Second letter from
the Governor and
Company.*

A second letter from the Governor and Company, of the 24th of January, 1708, in answer to one writ them the 7th of May, 1707, requiring an account of the state of Connecticut, was read.

*Letter from the
Governor.*

A third letter from Mr. Gurdon Saltonstall, Governor of the said Colony, of the 19th of February, 1708, acknowledging the receipt of the Acts about coin and trade to America, also the instructions relating to the Acts of trade and navigation, was likewise read ; whereupon directions were given for preparing answers to the said letters.

Bermuda.
*Letter from
Colonel Bennet.*

A letter from Colonel Bennet, Governor of Bermuda, to the secretary, dated the 30th of September, 1709, was read.

Rhode Island.
*Letter from the
Governor.
Negroes.*

A letter from Mr. Cranston, Governor of Rhode Island, of the 5th of December, 1708 [M. fo. 111], in answer to one writ him the 15th of April, 1708, relating to the number and price of negroes brought thither directly from Africa, was read.

*Second letter from
him.*

Another letter from Mr. Cranston, of the 5th of December, 1708, was read.

*Third letter from
him.*

A third letter from Mr. Cranston, of the same date, in answer to one writ him the 7th of May, 1707, requiring an account of the state of Rhode Island, was read, and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

*Papers therein
referr'd to.*

Number of inhabitants, militia and servants, white and black, in Rhode Island, December the 5th, 1708.

Number of vessells that have been built in Rhode Island, from 1698 to 1708, and the number now belonging to the said colony &c., together with the seafaring men there.

Whereupon ordered that answers be prepared thereunto.

December 13. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter from Brigadier Handasyd, Governor of Jamaica, dated the 20th of October last, relating to the growing strength of the pirates on the Spanish coasts in the West Indies, and to the damage they have done the enemy in those parts, was read ; whereupon a letter to the Earl of Sunderland, inclosing an extract of the said letter for his lordship's information, was signed, and ordered that a postscript be added to the letter to Brigadier Handasyd [*fo.* 285], signed the 25th of the last month.

A letter from Mr. Savage, secretary to the Commissioners of her Majesty's Customs, of yesterday's date [*fo.* 306], signifying that they have nothing under their consideration relating to Mr. Bridger, Surveyor General of the Woods on the Continent of America, and that they have not any cognizance of that office, was read.

A second letter from Mr. Savage, of the same date, in answer to one writ him the first instant [*fo.* 292], for an account of naval stores imported into this kingdom from her Majesty's Plantations and other foreign parts, from Christmas, 1707, to Christmas, 1708, &c., was also read.

Their lordships then took into consideration the draught of a Bill for the preservation of white pine trees [*fo.* 306, 314], growing in all her Majesty's plantations in America, and gave directions for preparing a draught of a representation for laying the same before her Majesty.

Sir John Bennet attending [*fo.* 273, 322], and acquainting their lordships that Sir Thomas Parker could not attend the hearing to-morrow on the Bermuda complaints, and therefore desiring that the said hearing might be put off, and their lordships being also informed that Mr. Solicitor General had consented thereto, ordered that Mr. Jones be acquainted therewith, and that the said hearing is accordingly put off to the 2nd of January next.

December 14. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

A letter from the Earl of Sunderland, of the 10th instant [*fo.* 315], directing their lordships to prepare the draughts of a commission and instructions for the Earl of Orkney to be Governor of her Majesty's colony and dominion of Virginia, was read, and directions given for doing the same.

Their lordships took into consideration the body of laws past in Maryland in 1704 and 1705 [*M. fo.* 138 ; *fo.* 393] (contained in Book No. 16), mentioned in the minutes of the 14th of May, 1708, and read 8th [*sic*] of the said laws.

December 15. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Boyle, of the 14th instant [*fo.* 334, 354], referring to the Board a proposal made by the private Court of Chancery of Austria to the Royal Court of Chancery of Bohemia, relating to the importation of the English woollen manufactures into those countries ; also a memorial from the city of Lubec

1709.

Jamaica.
Letter from the Governor.

*Letter to the Earl of Sunderland.
Pirates on the Spanish coast.*

New England.
*Letter from Mr. Savage.
Bridger.*

Trade.
*Letter from Mr. Savage.
Naval stores Imported.*

Plantations General.
Bill for preserving white pine trees.

Draught of a Representation.

Bermuda.
Bennet & Jones.

Hearing adjourn'd.

Mr. Jones acquainted therewith.

Virginia.
*Letter from the Earl of Sunderland.
Commission and instructions for the Earl of Orkney.*

Maryland.
Laws.

Trade.
*Letter from Mr. Secretary Boyle.
Proposal of the Chancery of Austria to that of Bohemia.*

1709.

*English Woollens.
Memorial from Lubec
and other papers.*

Plantations General.

*Pirates at
Madagascar.
Papers from
Lord Marquis of
Carmarthen.*

Plantations General.

Trade
*at Curacao and
St. Thomas.*

concerning trade [*fo.* 352], with several papers relating thereto, which were read, and direction given for laying before the Board all the papers in this office, relating to the woollen manufactures in Austria.

Several papers from the Lord Carmarthen [*fo.* 135, 345], touching the reducing the pirates at Madagascar, were laid before the Board, and their lordships resolved to take 'em into their consideration at a convenient opportunity.

Mr. Peter Holt attending [*fo.* 270, 328], presented to their lordships two memorials, relating to the trade carried on at Curacao and St. Thomas, setting forth the pernicious consequence thereof, which their lordships likewise agreed to take into consideration at a convenient opportunity.

December 16. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

Order of the House of Commons of the 15th instant [*fo.* 314, 290], directing this Board to lay before them what further observations their lordships have made, relating to the trade to Africa, since their last observations laid before that House, was read; and directions given for preparing an answer thereunto.

December 19. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

An answer to the Order of the House of Commons of the 15th instant [*fo.* 313; O. *fo.* 89], relating to the trade to Africa, mentioned in the minutes of the 16th instant, was signed.

A representation relating to the preservation of white pines or mast trees on the Continent of America [*fo.* 311], as directed the 13th instant, was signed; and a letter to the Earl of Sunderland, inclosing the same, as also the draught of an Act for that purpose, were sent to his lordship.

December 20. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter from the members of her Majesty's Council of Maryland, of the 31st of August last, giving an account that Colonel Seymour dyed there the 30th of July, 1709, and that they had thereupon taken upon them the administration of the government, was read; whereupon ordered [*fo.* 316] that a copy of the said letter be sent to the Earl of Sunderland, for his lordship's information.

The draught of a commission for the Earl of Orkney to be Governor of Virginia [*fo.* 312, 318], as directed the 14th instant, was agreed, and order'd to be transcribed.

A letter from the Earl of Sunderland, of yesterday's date, signifying her Majesty's pleasure that this Board do advise with Mr. Attorney General, about drawing up an instrument to be signed by the Palatines to be sent to New York with Colonel Hunter, for holding them to the terms proposed by the representation of this Board of the 5th instant [*fo.* 296, 327], was read; and

Trade.

*Africa.
Order of House of
Commons.*

Trade.

*Africa.
Answer to Order of
House of Commons.*

Plantations General.

*Preservation of
white pines.
Representation.
Draught of an Act.*

Maryland.

*Letter from the
Council.
Col. Seymour's
death.
Letter to the Earl of
Sunderland.*

Virginia.

*Earl of Orkney's
commission.*

New York.

*Letter from the
Earl of Sunderland.
Instrument to be
signed by the
Palatines.*

Colonel Hunter attending at the same time, he presented to their lordships the draught of such an instrument, which was also read; and directions given that a copy thereof, as likewise of the fore-mentioned representation [fo. 320], be sent to Mr. Attorney General for his opinion thereupon accordingly.

December 21. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter to the Earl of Sunderland, inclosing a copy of one from the members of her Majesty's Council of Maryland, touching the death of Colonel Seymour [fo. 315], and their taking on them the administration of that government, as directed at the last meeting, was signed.

A letter from the Earl of Sunderland, of the 16th instant [fo. 296], transmitting several papers from Commodore Taylor, relating to the present state of Newfoundland, was read, together with three of the said papers, the rest being copies of what has been already received from the said Commodore and from Mr. Burchet [fo. 297], mentioned in the minutes of the 5th instant; the aforesaid three papers are as follows, vizt. :

Copies of the depositions of John Collins, Thomas Gruchy, Allen Southmayd, and John Marshal, inhabitants in Newfoundland, relating to the taking of St. John's, to Major Lloyd's letting out the soldiers to hier, and to a duty paid for maintainance of the minister there.

Copy of Commodore Taylor's account of disbursments on the fort at St. John's in Newfoundland.

Copy of Commodore Taylor's commission to Mr. John Collin to be commander of St. John's Fort and Harbour &c., in Newfoundland, dated the 6th of October, 1709.

Colonel Hunter attending, with Mr. Champante [fo. 291], in relation to the settling the Council of New Jersey, Colonel Hunter proposed that Mr. Lewis Morris be restored to his place in the said Council, from which he had been suspended by Colonel Ingoldsby, and that Mr. Thomas Gordon, of East New Jersey, and Mr. Thomas Gardner of West New Jersey be also added to the said Council, to fill up the vacancies there. Colonel Hunter further proposed that Colonel Peartree be removed from the Council at New York [fo. 319] for having been concerned in illegal and unwarrantable proceedings, and that Mr. Staats and Mr. Walters be restored to their places in the said Council, from whence they had been suspended by the Lord Cornbury. These gentlemen being withdrawn, their lordships gave directions for preparing the draught of an additional instruction to Colonel Hunter for her Majesty's royal signature, directing him, upon his arrival in New Jersey, to inquire into the occasion of the heats and divisions in that province [fo. 319], and to transmit an account thereof to her Majesty, for her pleasure therein.

A letter to the Earl of Sunderland, inclosing the draught of a commission to the Earl of Orkney for the government of Virginia [fo. 315, *vide infra*], mentioned in the minutes of the 20th instant, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

1709.

Col. Hunter with a draught thereof.

Letter to Mr. Attorney General thereupon.

Maryland.

Letter to the Earl of Sunderland.

Copy of one from the Council about the Governor's death, &c.

Newfoundland.

Letter from the Earl of Sunderland. Papers from Commodore Taylor.

New Jersey.

Col. Hunter and Mr. Champante.

New York. Council.

New Jersey.

Draught of Instruction for inquiring into the occasion of the heats &c.

Virginia.

Letter to the Earl of Sunderland. Lord Orkney's commission.

1709.

Virginia.

*Letter to the
Earl of Sunderland.
Earl of Orkney's
commission.*

December 22. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter to the Earl of Sunderland, inclosing the draught of a commission to the Earl of Orkney to be Governor of Virginia [*vide supra*, fo. 381 (*sic*)], agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

New York.

*Order of Council.
Acts.*

Order of Council of the 15th instant [fo. 289], upon a representation of the 29th of the last month, proposing the repeal of two Acts past in New York in October, 1708, and May, 1709, relating to fees and divers irregularities and extortions, approving the said representation, was read.

*Order of Council.
Instruction about
table of fees.*

Another Order of Council, of the same date [fo. 289, 322], upon the same representation, directing this Board to prepare an instruction to Colonel Hunter, Governor of New York, requiring him with the advice of the Council there, to reconsider of the table of fees settled in 1693 [fo. 278], and, if need be, to prepare such another, as may be a reasonable provision, and most agreeable to the circumstances thereof, was also read ; and the secretary laying before their lordships the draught of such an instruction, the same was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

New Jersey.

*Additional instruction
about occasion of the
heats &c.*

The draught of an additional instruction to Colonel Hunter, Governor of New Jersey, for her Majesty's royal signature, directing him, upon his arrival in that province, to inquire into the occasion of the heats and divisions there [fo. 318, 322], and to endeavour to reconcile the same ; and, if he do not succeed therein, then to transmit an account thereof to her Majesty, was also agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

New York.

*Mr. Rayner.
Character of Mr.
Peartree.*

Mr. Rayner attending, and being asked what he knew of the character of William Peartree, a member of the Council of New York [fo. 317, 321] (mentioned in yesterday's minutes), he said that he had observed, whilst he was at New York, that he did seldom attend the publick service at that Board ; that he had seen a letter writ by young Mr. Bayard from New York, in October last, to Mr. Adderly here, wherein it is said that the seamen, which had deserted from the *Tryton* and the *Lostaffe* at New York, did now, since those ships were come away, appear on board ships belonging to the said Peartree [fo. 321] and to the Mayor of New York ; and he promised to give their lordships an extract of the said letter.

New York.

*New Jersey.
Representation with
Col. Hunter's said
instruction.*

The draught of a representation for laying before her Majesty Colonel Hunter's instructions for the governments of New York and New Jersey [fo. 216, 321], as also those relating to the Acts of Trade and Navigation, together with the above mentioned additional instructions, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

*Letter to
Col. Hunter.*

The draught of a letter to Colonel Hunter [fo. 322], relating to the governments of the said provinces, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

New York.

*Letter from
Mr. Attorney General.
Instrument to be
signed by the
Palatines.*

A letter from Mr. Attorney General, of yesterday's date [fo. 316, 321], returning the draught of an instrument sent him the 20th instant, with his amendments thereto, for holding the Palatines to the terms proposed by the representation of this Board of the 5th instant, was read. Whereupon ordered that the draught of a

letter to the Earl of Sunderland be prepared for transmitting to his lordship a copy of the said instrument, as amended by Mr. Attorney General.

December 23. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

Mr. Rayner attending, presented to their lordships an extract of a letter from Mr. Bayard, junior, to Mr. Adderly here, dated at New York in October last [*fo.* 319, 331], relating to Mr. Peartree, one of the Council there, mentioned in yesterday's minutes, was read.

A letter to the Earl of Sunderland, inclosing the draught of an instrument to be signed by the Palatines [*fo.* 320] for holding them to certain terms, as directed yesterday, was signed.

A representation laying before her Majesty Colonel Hunter's instructions for the governments of New York and New Jersey [*fo.* 320, 330, 331], relating to the Acts of Trade and Navigation, together with additional instructions for her Majesty's royal signature, the one directing him to reconsider the table of fees settled in New York in 1693 &c. [*fo.* 319], the other directing him upon his arrival in New Jersey, to inquire into the occasion of the heats and divisions there, and to endeavour to reconcile the same, was signed, together with a letter to the Earl of Sunderland inclosing the same.

A letter to Colonel Hunter [*fo.* 320], relating to the governments of the said provinces, agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

January 2, 170²/₁₀. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

This day having been appointed to proceed in the hearing of the complaints of the Assembly of Bermuda against Mr. Jones, secretary and provost marshal of that island [*fo.* 311] (which were begun to be heard the 9th and 10th of May last), as likewise those of Mr. Jones against Colonel Bennet, Governor of the said islands, Sir John Bennet, in behalf of the island with Sir Thomas Parker and Sir Peter King, their counsel, on the one side, and the said Jones, with Mr. Eyre, her Majesty's Solicitor General, and Mr. Phipps, his counsel, attended on the other side.

The counsel for Mr. Jones, in answer to what had been offered by the counsel on the other side at the fore-mentioned hearing, would again have offered proofs to invalidate the indictments and convictions on record against the said Jones, which had been given in as proofs to some of the articles against him. But the counsel on the other side objecting thereunto, and their debates having continued some hours, they were in the end ordered to withdraw; upon which their lordships agreed to represent this matter specially to her Majesty for her pleasure, whether this Board shall hear what Mr. Jones's counsel have to offer against the validity of the said indictments and convictions, or whether the said Jones shall be concluded by that evidence. Then the counsel on both sides being called in, they were acquainted therewith. Whereupon Mr. Jones

1709.

*Letter to Earl of
Sunderland.*

New York.

*Extract of a letter
from Mr. Bayard.
Mr. Peartree.*

*Letter to the Earl of
Sunderland.
Instrument to be signed
by the Palatines.*

New York.

New Jersey.

*Representation with
Col. Hunter's
instructions*

*and
additional instructions
about table of fees
at New York
and occasion of the
heats at New Jersey.
Letter to the Earl of
Sunderland.*

New York.

New Jersey.

Letter to Col. Hunter.

1709-10.

Bermuda.

*Hearing of complaints
against Mr. Jones &c.*

Counsel for Mr. Jones

Representation.

1709-10.

*Letter to the Earl of
Sunderland.*

desired that the hearing of the whole matter, as well the complaints against him as his against the Governor, might be respited till her Majesty's pleasure be known upon what their lordships proposed ; but the counsel for the Governor desired that their lordships would proceed upon the articles exhibited by Mr. Jones against the Governor ; to which Mr. Jones not consenting, both sides agreed to respite the matter till her Majesty's pleasure (as Mr. Jones desired) was known. Ordered [*fo.* 325] that a letter be writ to the Earl of Sunderland, stating the case, for her Majesty's pleasure thereupon accordingly.

Virginia.

*Letter from
Col. Jennings.*

*Papers therein referr'd
to.*

January 3. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter from Colonel Jennings, President of the Council of Virginia, dated the 8th of October last, was read ; and the papers referr'd to therein, were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

Copy of a letter from Colonel Jennings to Sir Nathanael Johnson, Governor of Carolina, relating to goods seized belonging to Virginia Indian traders, with his answer thereto, and affidavits concerning the same.

Proclamations published in Virginia upon several occasions.

Minutes of Council of Virginia from the 4th of June, 1708, to the 12th of September, 1709.

*Letter to Mr. Burchet,
with an extract about
a guardsloop &c.*

Whereupon ordered that paragraph H of the said letter, relating to the guardship attending that colony, and to the benefit that will be received there in the assistance of a sloop &c., be sent to Mr. Burchet, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

Bermuda.

*Letter to the Earl of
Sunderland upon
hearing complaints.*

A letter to the Earl of Sunderland, upon the hearing of the complaints from Bermuda [*fo.* 324], as ordered at the last meeting, was signed.

January 4. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

*Barbadoes.
Two letters from the
Earl of Sunderland,
with memorial from
Mr. Berwick desiring
to be of the Council.*

Two letters from the Earl of Sunderland, the one dated the 27th of July [*fo.* 327], inclosing a memorial from Mr. Samuel Berwick to his lordship, praying that he may be appointed a member of her Majesty's Council of Barbadoes ; the other dated the 28th of December, 1709, desiring to know if their lordships have any objection against the said Berwick's being of the said Council, were read, as also a memorial from Mr. Owen in favour of the said Berwick, whereupon directions were given for preparing the draught of a letter to the Earl of Sunderland in answer thereunto.

*Memorial from Mr.
Owen thereupon.
Draught of an answer.*

Jamaica.

*Representation on an
Act.
George Ivy.*

A representation upon an Act past in Jamaica in April, 1709 [*fo.* 279, 369], to enable trustees to make sale of certain lands, part of the estate of George Ivy &c., proposing a confirmation of the said Act, was signed.

Barbadoes.

*Order of Council.
Petition of Mr. Gordon,
provost marshal,
against Mr. Downs.*

Order of Council of the 15th December, 1709 [*fo.* 335], referring to the Board the petition of Mr. Gordon to her Majesty, complaining against Richard Downes, esquire, Judge of the precinct of St. Michael's, in Barbadoes, for refusing to admit the petitioner's deputy in the Court of Common Pleas there &c., was read, and

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Mr. Gordon attending at the same time, he communicated to their lordships part of two letters he had received from his attorneys in Barbadoes touching the said Downes's having refused to admit his deputy in the Court of Common Pleas there. Whereupon, he was desired to lay extracts of the said letters before their lordships, which he promised to do accordingly; and being withdrawn, their lordships gave directions for preparing a draught of a representation for laying the same before her Majesty.

Draught of a representation.

January 11. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter to the Earl of Sunderland, in answer to his lordship's of the 27th of July and 28th of December last [*fo.* 325], relating to Mr. Berwick's desire of being appointed a member of her Majesty's Council of Barbadoes, as directed the 4th instant, was signed.

A letter from the Earl of Sunderland, of the 7th instant [*fo.* 315, 338], signifying her Majesty's approbation of the Board's report of the 5th of the last month, relating to the Palatines to be sent to New York, was read.

Sir Gilbert Heathcote, with several merchants trading to Sweden, attending, presented to their lordships a memorial relating to that trade, and to the settling of passes for British ships sailing through the Sound, was read; whereupon ordered [*fo.* 333, 345] that Sir Charles Hedges be acquainted that their lordships would be glad to speak with him, touching this matter, on Fryday morning next.

Two memorials from Mr. Holt (mentioned in the minutes of the 15th of the last month) [*fo.* 313, 336], relating to the trade of Curacao and St. Thomas, and particularly the illegal trade carried on with the British plantations in America, were read; whereupon ordered that extracts of the said memorials be transmitted to such of the Governors of the plantations mentioned to have been concerned in the said trade, and that a clause be added in the letters to be sent to the said Governments, requiring the said Governors to make strict enquiry into the truth of the several matters of fact alledged in the aforesaid memorials, and that they do cause such persons as shall be found to have been guilty thereof to be duly prosecuted according to law, and to give an account of their proceeding therein. Then the secretary acquainting the Board that Mr. Holt had mentioned another person who is able to give further information of the illegal trade between her Majesty's plantations and the islands of Curacao and St. Thomas, provided he could obtain a protection from being pressed while he attended the Board; ordered that a letter be writ to the said Holt to know the name of the said person in order to the procuring him such a protection accordingly.

The draught of a letter to Colonel Jennings, President of the Council of Virginia, as directed the 3rd instant, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Bridger, Surveyor General of her Majesty's woods on the Continent of America, was also agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Barbadoes.

Letter to the Earl of Sunderland about Mr. Berwick's desire to be of the Council.

New York.

Letter from the Earl of Sunderland on report about Palatines.

Trade.

*Swedish merchants' memorial.
Passes.*

Sir Charles Hedges.

Plantations General. Trade.

*Memorials from Holt.
Illegal trade.*

Extracts to be sent to the respective Governments concerned.

Letter to Mr. Holt about a person to be protected.

Virginia.

Letter to Col. Jennings.

New England.

Letter to Mr. Bridger.

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Leeward Islands.
Bermuda.
Letter from
Mr. Burchet.
New Seals
sent to Mr. Townsend.

Maryland.
New England.
New Hampshire.
Connecticut.
Rhode Island.
Carolina.
Letters to the
Governors.

New York.
Memorial from
Mr. Rayner.
His salary &c.

Leeward Islands.
Letter from Mr. Ayon
by order of Col. Parke.

New Jersey.
Order on representa-
tion.
Counsellors.

Order on
representation.
Draughts of
instructions.

New York.
New Jersey.
Order on
representation.
Instructions about Acts
of Trade.

New York.
Order on
representation.
Counsellors.

Order on
representation.
Two Instructions.

Virginia.
Order on
representation.
Act about ports &c.

January 12. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter from Mr. Burchet, of yesterday's date, in answer to one writ him the 9th instant, touching the sending of new seals to the plantations by the men-of-war now going to those parts, was read ; whereupon ordered [*fo.* 349] that the seals for the governments of Bermuda, Barbadoes and the Leeward Islands be sent to Portsmouth to be delivered by Mr. Townsend to the captains of the men-of-war shortly to sail to those islands.

The draughts of letters to the Governors of Maryland, New England, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Carolina, were agreed [*fo.* 335, 338], and ordered to be transcribed.

A memorial from Mr. Raynor, Attorney General of New York, relating to his salary there &c., was read. Whereupon the secretary was directed to acquaint him that the matters therein contain'd did not belong to their lordships, and that therefore they did not think fit to meddle with it.

A letter from Mr. Ayon, by order of Colonel Park, relating to an attempt made to assassinate him, dated at Antego, the 20th of September, 1709; was read.

Copy of an Order of Council of the 25th December, 1709 [*fo.* 321], upon a representation of the 23rd ditto, proposing that Mr. Gordon and Mr. Gardner to be of the Council of New Jersey, and that Mr. Morris be restored to his place in the said Council, approving the same, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council of the 25th of December, 1709 [*fo.* 321], upon a representation of the 23rd ditto, laying before her Majesty the draught of an instruction to Colonel Hunter for the government of New Jersey, as also of an additional instruction for composing the differences there, approving the same, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council of the 25th December, 1709 [*fo.* 321], upon a representation of the 23rd ditto, laying before her Majesty draughts of instructions to Colonel Hunter for New York and New Jersey, relating to the Acts of trade, approving the same, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council of the 25th December, 1709 [*fo.* 321], upon a representation of the 23rd ditto, proposing that Mr. Peartree be dismissed the Council of New York, and that Mr. Staats and Mr. Walters be appointed members thereof, approving the same, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council of the 25th of December, 1709 [*fo.* 321], upon a representation of the 23rd ditto, with the draught of an instruction to Colonel Hunter for the government of New York, as also of an additional instruction relating to a table of fees in that province, approving the said representation, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council of the 15th of December [*fo.* 291], upon a representation of the 30th November, 1709, for repealing an Act passed in Virginia for establishing ports and towns, approving the same, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council of the 15th of December [fo. 291], upon a representation of the 30th of November, 1709, for repealing three Acts passed in Maryland, relating to ports and towns, approving the same, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council of the 15th of December [fo. 289], upon a representation of the 29th November, 1709, for repealing an Act relating to protested bills of exchange, approving the same, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council of the 15th December, 1709 [fo. 319], upon a representation of the 29th November last, proposing the confirmation of nine Acts passed at New York, approving the same, was read.

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Maryland.
Order on
representation.
Acts about Ports.

Order on
representation.
Act about protested
bills of exchange.

New York.
Order on
representation.
Confirming nine Acts.

January 13. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

The accounts of incident charges of this office, from Michaelmas, 1709, to Christmas following, were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt.:

Miscellaneous.
Incident charges.

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The secretary's account of petty expences from Michaelmas, 1709, to Christmas following, amounting to	18	6	10
The stationer's account for the same time, amounting to	21	16	5
The post officer's account of postage of letters for the same time, amounting to	11	5	8

And a letter to the Lord Treasurer, desiring the payment thereof, as also of the salaries due to this office, was signed.

Letter to the Lord
High Treasurer.

A letter from Colonel Bennet, Lieutenant Governor of Bermuda, dated the 30th of October, 1709 [fo. 335], together with the proceedings of a Court of Exchequer, relating to some Spanish coin &c., found by John Hilton, refer'd to therein, were read, and directions was given for returning an answer thereto.

Bermuda.
Letter from
Colonel Bennet with
papers.

Order of Council of the 15th December, 1709, referring to the Board a petition to her Majesty from Francis Pouch and Daniel Gashet, complaining of some goods seized on board a flag of truce at Martinico &c., praying restitution thereof, was read; whereupon order'd [fo. 335] that Mr. Duport, agent for the petitioners, have notice to attend the Board on Monday morning next, and that he do bring with him what proofs he may have to make good the allegations in the said petition.

Answer.
Leeward Islands.
Order of Council.
Petition of Pouch and
Gashet.
Goods in a flag of
truce at Martinico.
Mr. Duport
summon'd.

The secretary laid before the Board two papers from Mr. Kocherthal, the Lutheran minister lately returned from New York, the one entituled *Considerations and observations about the planting of vines in the British dominions in America*; the other, *An abstract and translation of 4 letters written to the said Kocherthal, the German minister, concerning his maintenance in that province.*

New York.
Papers from
Mr. Kocherthal about
planting vines in
America, and
his maintenance.

Sir Charles Hedges coming to the Board, as he had been desired [fo. 327, 348], the memorial received from the Swedish merchants, the 11th instant, was again read: Whereupon he said that in relation to passes, there was only the treaty of 1670 between the Crowns of England and Denmark, which made any mutual

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provision in that case ; that the Convention in 1691 (Denmark not being then in war) only provided for passes for Danish ships, and that he was of opinion that the form of those passes in the foresaid treaty of '70, were sufficient to secure our merchants here, and he added that no Danish ship had ever yet been condemned here, that had passes in due form, as agreed by the fore-mentioned Convention, and he further acquainted their lordships that Richard Crawly, esquire, register of Doctors' Commons, would furnish their lordships with the forms of such passes, and of the oaths taken by the Danes in relation to their ships and goods ; whereupon ordered, that a letter be writ to Mr. Crawly for the said forms, and for a copy of the instructions given to privateers in relation thereunto.

Letter to Mr. Crawley.

Proposal of the Private Court of Chancery of Austria. Woollen manufactures.

Hamburg Company and Mr. Harris summon'd.

The proposal of the Private Court Chancery of Austria to the Royal Court Chancery of Bohemia [*fo.* 312, 344], relating to the importation of the English woollen manufactures in those countries, mentioned in the minutes of the 15th of December last, was again read ; whereupon ordered that the Hamburgh Company, as also Mr. Harris, a member of Parliament for Exeter, have notice to attend the Board on Wednesday morning next.

January 16. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

Barbadoes. Letter from Mr. Gordon desiring to withdraw a petition.

A letter from Mr. Gordon, provost marshal of Barbadoes, to the secretary, of the 13th instant [*fo.* 326], praying that he may withdraw his petition mentioned in the minutes of the 4th instant, was read ; whereupon their lordships agreed to respite that matter till the said Gordon should make further application therein.

Bermuda. Letter to Col. Bennet.

The draught of a letter to Colonel Bennet, Lieutenant Governor of Bermuda [*fo.* 332, 338], was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

New England. New Hampshire. Connecticut. Rhode Island. Carolina. Maryland.

The letters to Colonel Dudley, Mr. Usher, Mr. Bridger, the Governor and Company of Connecticut, the Governor of Carolina, the Governor of Rhode Island, the President of the Council of Maryland, agreed the 12th instant [*O. fo.* 201 ; *fo.* 329, 339], were signed.

Letters to the Governors and Mr. Bridger, Mr. Usher &c.

Leeward Islands. Mr. Duport. Pouch and Gashet. Goods seized in a flag of truce.

Mr. Duport attending, as he had been desired, the Order of Council of the 15th of December, 1709 [*fo.* 333, 380], referring to the Board a petition to her Majesty from Francis Pouch and Daniel Gashet, complaining of some goods having been seized, belonging to them on board a flag of truce at Martinico, praying restitution of the said goods mentioned in the minutes of the 13th instant, was again read ; and Mr. Duport being asked whether he had brought proofs to the allegations set forth in the said petition, he deliver'd to their lordships several papers, together with an abstract thereof, relating to that matter, which their lordships agreed to take into consideration at a convenient opportunity.

Papers relating thereto.

Trade. Plantations General. Brise. Illegal trade.

Mr. Samuel Brise, mariner, attending [*fo.* 328, 380], and being asked several questions in relation to illegal trade carried on in the plantations, he said that he lived four years at Curacao ; that

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he came from thence about a year ago, and that during his stay there he has seen several ships come in with tobacco from Virginia; that at St. Thomas he has seen several ships come in from Carolina with provisions; that he was 18 months a prisoner at Martinico, where he has seen flags of truce arrive from Antego, with beef, pork and flower for sale. Then being desired to give their lordships a full account of that matter in writing, he promised to do the same accordingly, and acquainting their lordships that he was afraid of being pressed in coming so far from home, and desiring that he might have a protection. Ordered [*vide infra*] that a letter be writ to Mr. Burchet to move the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty for such a protection.

January 19. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

The secretary laid before their lordships a protection signed by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty for Samuel Brise for one month [*vide supra*, fo. 364], as was desired the 16th instant, and the said Brise attending, with Peter Holt, the said protection was delivered to him. He then presented to their lordships a memorial relating to illegal trade [fo. 351], carried on between St. Thomas, Curacoa, and our Plantations in America, which was read. And being asked several questions in relation thereto, he said that the places where the persons concerned in that illegal trade landed their goods at Jamaica, which they brought from St. Thomas and Curacoa, were at St. Ann's, St. Lucy's, Blewfields and Black River. And the said Brise being withdrawn, ordered that extracts of the said memorial be transmitted to the Governors of each respective plantation mentioned to have been concerned in the said trade, in like manner as those of Peter Holt's, mentioned in the minutes of the 11th instant.

Letters to the Governors of Jamaica, Barbadoes, Leeward Islands and Bermuda [fo. 329, 335], as likewise to the President of the Council of Virginia, Lords Proprietors of Carolina, and to Mr. Penn, were signed.

Two letters from Colonel Park, Governor of the Leeward Islands, dated the 14th and 19th of November, 1709 [fo. 341], were read; and directions given for preparing answers thereunto.

Ordered that the secretary do return an answer to the letter from Mr. Whyte, dated at Bruges the 6 of November last, relating to the prohibition of English tanned leather.

January 20. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

The draught of an additional instruction to Colonel Hunter, Governor of New York [fo. 327], relating to the settling of the Palatines in that province, and employing them in the production of naval stores, was agreed, and a letter to the Earl of Sunderland, inclosing the same, was signed.

Plantations General.
Trade.
*Protection of
Samuel Brise.*

*Memorial from him
about illegal trade
with Curacoa and
St. Thomas.*

*Extracts to be sent the
several Governors.*

Jamaica.
Barbadoes.
Leeward Islands.
Bermuda.
Virginia.
Carolina.
Pennsylvania.
*Letters to the
Governors &c.*

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*Letters from
Col. Parke.*

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New York.
*Additional instruction
for Col. Hunter.
Palatines.
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Earl of Sunderland.*

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Newfoundland.

*Letter from the
Custom House officers
at Sandwich.*

*Memorial from
Capt. Moody.
State of Newfoundland.
Proposal to Col. Dudley
&c.*

*Capt. Moody
summon'd.*

New Hampshire.

*Act to encourage the
making tar.*

*Clause in a letter to
Col. Dudley.*

Trade.

*Reference on Hughs'
petition about trade
in Germany.*

Barbadoes.**Leeward Islands.**

*Letters from
Mr. Burchet and
Mr. Townsend.
New Seals.*

Jamaica.

*Memorial from
Mr. Baber, Compere
and Winter against
act about fees.
Draught of represen-
tation.*

A letter from the Custome House officers at Sandwich, of the 3rd instant, to the secretary, acquainting him that no ships have gone from thence to Newfoundland between December, 1708, and December, 1709, was read.

A memorial from Captain Moody, relating to the present state of Newfoundland [fo. 299, 342], together with his proposal to Colonel Dudley, Colonel Nicholson and Colonel Vetch, for reducing Placentia, with their answer, were read; whereupon ordered that Captain Moody have notice to attend the Board on Monday morning next.

An Act past in New Hampshire, the 18th of November, 1708, entituled *An Act for the incouragement of the inhabitants of her Majesty's province of New Hampshire, in the making of tar to be transported into her Majesty's kingdom of Great Britain, and otherwise for the incouragement of trade*, was read; whereupon ordered [fo. 335, 341] that the secretary do make enquiry at what rate tar is sold for in New England, and that a clause touching the said Act be added to the letter to Colonel Dudley, signed the 16th instant.

A reference from Mr. Secretary Boyle, upon the petition of Hugh Hughs [fo. 351, 368], relating to the advancement of the trade of this kingdom in Germany, was read; and their lordships agreed to take the same into consideration at a convenient opportunity.

A letter from Mr. Burchet, of yesterday's date, inclosing the copy of one from Mr. Townsend, Commissioner of the Navy at Portsmouth, dated the 17th instant [fo. 349], touching the new seals to be sent to Barbadoes and the Leeward Islands, was read; and directions given that the seals be sent by the men-of-war bound to Jamaica, who are ordered to call at Barbadoes and the Leeward Islands.

A memorial from Mr. Baber, secretary, Mr. Compere, Receiver General, and Mr. Winter, clerk or register of Jamaica, against an Act past in that island, for regulating fees, was read [fo. 262, 387]; and directions given for preparing the draught of a representation thereupon.

January 23. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

Newfoundland.

*Letter from
Mr. Burchet about a
convoy.
Sir Wm. Phippard,
Mr. Campbell &c. to
attend.
Letters to the Mayors
of the out-ports.*

A letter from Mr. Burchet, of the 21st instant [fo. 343, 358], desiring to know what number of men-of-war will be necessary to be sent to Newfoundland this year, was read; whereupon ordered [fo. 343] that Sir William Phippard, Mr. James Campbell, and Mr. Merret, be desired to attend the Board on Wednesday morning next, and that letters be writ to the Mayors of the out-ports, desiring them to consult with the merchants trading to Newfoundland, and to let this Board know how many ships they intend to send thither this year, and what convoys they think necessary for the protection of the several harbours and the trade there.

**New England.
New Hampshire.**
*Postscript to
Col. Dudley.*

The postscript to be added to Colonel Dudley's letter, as directed the 20th instant [fo. 339, 343], relating to the Act past in New Hampshire for encouraging the inhabitants to make tar, was agreed and ordered to be added to the said letter accordingly.

A letter to Colonel Park, Governor of the Leeward Islands, as directed the 19th instant [*fo.* 338, 344], was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Their lordships having had information of some irregularities practised in the trade to the Isle of Man, ordered [*fo.* 344, 387] that a letter be writ to Mr. Savage, secretary of the Customes, to desire an account of the goods exported from this kingdom to the said Isle of Man, since the beginning of this present war, and further ordered that Mr. Savage be desired to let their lordships have an account of the quantity of corn exported from this city and the out-ports between Michaelmas and Christmas last, with the bounty money allowed thereupon, and the market prices as they were at Christmas last.

Captain Moody attending [*fo.* 339], as he had been desired, and being asked several questions in relation to Newfoundland, he said that when he came away the inhabitants were resolved to quit the island, but that, upon his assuring them of her Majesty's protection and relief, he had perswaded the inhabitants of St. John's to build themselves houses in the ruined fort; that he had settled 500 families on a little island in Ferryland Harbour, and that they all resolved to come away next summer, if a sufficient force was not sent thither to protect them, and a good fort built to secure their effects; that the fort at St. John's by its situation, being surrounded with hills that command it, it was of little use, and that Ferryland, which is strong by nature, was the best place to be fortify'd; and he acquainted their lordships that he had presented a full memorial of this matter to the Earl of Sunderland, which was now under her Majesty's consideration. He added that he beleived there would be sent but few ships to Newfoundland this year.

January 24. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

Their lordships, taking into consideration Mr. Burchet's letter of the 21st instant, relating to convoys for Newfoundland [*fo.* 340, 346, 363], mentioned in yesterday's minutes, ordered [*fo.* 341, 350, 355, 359, 406] that the secretary do acquaint him that their lordships are in expectation of returns to the several letters writ to the out-ports (also mentioned in yesterday's minutes) for an account of what ships they intend to send to Newfoundland this year, and that, so soon as the same shall be received, he shall be acquainted therewith, for the information of the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

The postscript to Colonel Dudley's letter [*fo.* 341], as agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

A letter to Colonel Park, Governor of the Leeward Islands [*fo.* 341], also agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

An Order of Council of the 22nd instant [*fo.* 362], directing this Board to inform themselves of the prices of bread corn in the several ports of this kingdom, and to report to her Majesty what methods they conceive most proper to be taken for the better

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Leeward Islands.
Letter to Col. Park.

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Isle of Man.
Letter to Mr. Savage
for account of
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And of corn exported.

Newfoundland.
Capt. Moody.

Newfoundland.
Convoys.

Letter to
Mr. Burchet.

New England.
Postscript to
Col. Dudley.

Leeward Islands.
Letter to Col. Parke.

Trade.
Order of Council.
Price of bread and
corn.

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*Answer expected to
the letter to
Mr. Savage.*

Trade.

*Memorial from Lubec
and other papers about
trade with the
Hans Towns.*

Merchants summoned.

supply of this city with corn at reasonable rates, was read, and the secretary having yesterday writ to Mr. Savage upon the same subject [*fo.* 341, 345], their lordships agreed to respite this matter, till an answer from Mr. Savage be returned.

A memorial from the city of Lubec, to Mr. Wych, her Majesty's envoy to the Hans Towns [*fo.* 334, 327], praying that they may have leave to trade to this kingdom as heretofore, was again read, together with the several papers transmitted therewith, mentioned in the minutes of the 15th December last; whereupon ordered that the merchants trading to Lubec have notice to attend the Board on Thursday or Fryday morning next.

January 25. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

Trade.

*With Sweden.
Passes, instructions
for privateers &c.
Merchants' memorial.*

They're summoned.

*Letter from
Mr. Carkesse.*

Corn exported.

Plantations General.
Pirates.

*Lord Marquis of
Carmarthen's
memorial.*

Newfoundland.
*Mr. Merret.
Convoys.*

*Mr. Campbell, his
brother, and
Mr. Cummings.
Convoys.*

State of Newfoundland.

The instructions to privateers, forms of passes, and certificates relating to the Convention with Denmark and the Treaty with Sweden was read, and their lordships taking into consideration a memorial from the merchants trading to Sweden [*fo.* 327, 348], relating to that trade, and to the settling of passes for British ships sailing through the Sound (mentioned in the minutes of the 11th instant), ordered that Sir Gilbert Heathcote and the said merchants be acquainted that their lordships are desirous to speak with them on Fryday morning next.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse, of yesterday's date [*fo.* 344, 354], in answer to one writ Mr. Savage the 23rd instant, promising an account of corn exported, and of exports from England to the Isle of Man, since the beginning of the war, was read.

A memorial from the Marquis of Carmarthen [*fo.* 313], relating to the reduction of the pirates at Madagascar, mention'd in the minutes of the 15th of December, was again read, together with the several other papers in this office upon the same subject.

Mr. Merret attending, as he had been desired [*fo.* 343, 363], the letter from Mr. Burchet, of the 21st instant, relating to convoys to be sent this year to Newfoundland for the protection of the trade there (mentioned in the minutes of the 23rd instant), was again read; and he being asked several questions, he said that he would consult some of the merchants concerned in that trade, and lay before their lordships a memorial thereupon.

Mr. James Campbell, with his brother, and Mr. Comings, both lately arrived from Newfoundland, attending [*fo.* 343, 355], Mr. Burchet's fore-mentioned letter was communicated to them; whereupon Mr. Campbell said that it was impossible to tell what ships would be sent to Newfoundland, till it was known what steps would be taken for securing the inhabitants and their effects left there in winter; that the ships of war sent there in summer was indeed a protection of the harbours and the trade during their stay there; but, unless the inhabitants and their effects as aforesaid could be secured by a fort to be built in some convenient place, he beleived very few ships would be sent thither this year. Then Mr. Cummings being asked several questions, he said that he left Newfoundland the 25th of October last; that there were about 400 persons left at St. John's, of which there were about 250 men;

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that they had built themselves small hutts within the ruined fort, and had about eight or nine guns, and 20 barrells of powder left them by the ships of war, but were not in a condition to defend themselves, in case they were attacked, for want of small arms and shot for their guns; that when the French took the fort they carried away about 50 or 60 of the soldiers prisoners, and burnt all the stages and cook rooms, but such as were ransomed; that, when he came away, there might be about 30 stages standing; that the fort of St. John's, by its situation, was of little use for the security of the inhabitants; that the fittest place for a fort was on Ferryland Down, in Ferryland Harbour, which, being a peninsula, might be made with small charge impregnable, and that Ferryland Harbour, though not so large as St. John's, will hold above 50 sail of ships, and that it is more commodious than St. John's, by lying very near Capling Bay, where their best bait is taken for their fishing. Then these gentlemen being desired to put what they had to offer in writing, they promised to do the same accordingly.

January 27. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton.

Mr. Wordsworth and another Swedish merchant attending, as they had been desired the 25th instant, they were acquainted with the substance of what Sir Charles Hedges had said at the Board the 13th instant [*fo.* 333], in relation to passes for our ships trading through the Sound; whereupon they said that they were desirous to provide against the Swedes, as well as against the Danes; that in the Treaty with Sweden of 1661, there is no provision made for certificates of the property of goods homeward bound, neither is there any such provision in the Treaty with Denmark of 1670; that the trade to the Northern Crowns being now carry'd on otherwise than it was formerly (*vizt.*, our ships going out in ballast and taking in their loading in the Baltick), it will be difficult in case their ships be stopt by either of the said Northern Crowns to prove the property of the said goods, unless there were a mutual agreement made between her Majesty and the said Northern Crowns, and that till some such agreement be made, they were loath to venture their estates in that trade. They added that they would reconsider the said Treatys with Sweden and Denmark [*fo.* 357, 364], and then lay before their lordships a further account of what they desired.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Boyle, of the 24th instant, referring to the Board the copy of a letter from Mr. Jackson, her Majesty's Commissary at Stockholm [*fo.* 351, 358], relating to the pitch and tarr, was read; and directions given for making an extract of Mr. Jackson's said letter, in order to be sent to Mr. Burchet, for the opinion of the Commissioners of the Navy thereupon.

A letter from Mr. Burchet, of the 26th instant [*fo.* 329, 340], transmitting Captain Spann's receipt for the new seals for Barbadoes, Bermuda, and the Leeward Islands, was read.

Trade.*Swedish merchants.**Passes.***Trade.**

*Letter from
Mr. Secretary Boyle
referring one from
Mr. Jackson at
Stockholm.
Pitch and tar.
Extract to be sent
Mr. Burchet for opinion
of Commissioners of
the Navy.*

**Barbadoes.
Leeward Islands.
Bermuda.**

*Letter from
Mr. Burchet.
Receipt for seals.*

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Newfoundland.

*Copy of letter from
Mr. Collins.
State of Newfound-
land.*

Copy of a letter from Mr. John Collins, who is left Commander-in-Chief of Newfoundland, to Colonel Nicholson, giving an account of the state of that place, dated the 8th of November, 1709, was read.

January 31. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

Newfoundland.

*Convoys.
Letters from the
Mayors of Bristol
and Poole.*

Two letters from the Mayors of Bristol and Pool (in answer to those writ them the 24th instant) [*fo.* 343]; the one signifying that there are about 12 ships designed to be sent this spring from Bristol to Newfoundland, and that the merchants of that city desire six men-of-war for convoy; the other that nine ships are intended to be sent this year from Pool thither, and that the merchants of that port desire five ships of war for the convoy, were read.

Maryland.

*Order on petition of
Sir Thomas Lawrence.*

An Order of Council of the 26th instant, referring to the Board the petition of Sir Thomas Lawrence, secretary of Maryland [*fo.* 384], complaining of hardships he has sustain'd in his said office, from the proceedings of Colonel Seymour and Mr. Bladen, was read; and Sir Thomas attending at the same time, he was acquainted that their lordships intended to take this matter into further consideration on Tuesday morning next, and that they expected he should then come prepared [*fo.* 378] to make good the allegations set forth in his said petition.

Trade.

*Letter to Mr. Burchet.
Extract of
Mr. Jackson's from
Stockholm about
tar trade.*

A letter from the secretary of this Board to Mr. Burchet [*fo.* 349], inclosing to him the extract of a letter from Mr. Jackson, her Majesty's Commissary at Stockholm, relating to the tar trade (mentioned in the minutes of the 27th instant) and desiring him to move the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty that this Board may have the opinion of the Commissioners of the Navy thereupon, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

*Mr. Hughs's
memorial about
trade in Germany.*

Mr. Hughs attending [*fo.* 339, 354], his memorial relating to the advancement of the trade of this kingdom in Germany, mentioned in the minutes of the 20th instant, was again read; and being asked if he had anything more to offer on that subject, he acquainted their lordships that he desired her Majesty would please to constitute him her commissary for trade in Germany, and if anything further occurred to him proper to be laid before their lordships, he promised to do the same in writing.

Trade.

*Plantations General.
Second memorial from
Samuel Brise about
illegal trade, to be
extracted &c.*

A second memorial from Samuel Brice [*fo.* 337, 353], relating to illegal trade carried on between Curacoa and the British plantations in America, was read; whereupon ordered that extracts be made thereof, to be transmitted to the Governors of the respective colonies mentioned to have been concerned therein, in like manner as his former memorial, and that from Mr. Holt, mentioned in the minutes of the 11th and 19th instant.

Trade.

*To Lubeck.
Memorial of merchants.*

Some merchants trading to Lubeck attending, presented to the Board a memorial [*fo.* 313, 383], containing their opinion upon that from the city of Lubeck to Mr. Wych, mentioned in the minutes of the 15th of December last; which said memorial was read, and these gentlemen added in discourse that, in consideration of the present war between the Northern Crowns, they thought, if the

*Their opinion on two
Acts of Parliament.*

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Act of the 12th Car. 2nd, commonly called the Act of navigation, and the Act of 14 Car. 2nd, commonly called the Act of frauds, were dispensed with in favour of Lubeck, during the continuance of the said war, it might be of advantage to this kingdom, by the more frequent and cheaper importation of naval stores from Lubeck, that being a neutral port, than from the other ports in the Baltick.

February 1. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

Their lordships again taking into consideration the memorial from Mr. Brise [*fo.* 351], relating to illegal trade carried on between the British plantations and the islands of Curacoa and St. Thomas, mentioned in yesterday's minutes, order'd that a letter be writ to Mr. Carkesse, secretary to the Commissioners of her Majesty's Customs, for their opinion whether the said illegal trade may not be prevented by appointing brigantines of 10 or 12 guns to cruise off of those islands, with power to examine and seize such vessells as shall be found trading contrary to law, or whether they can think of any other method more effectual for preventing the said trade.

Mr. James Campbell attending, presented to their lordships an account of the losses he had sustained in Newfoundland [*fo.* 124], together with four affidavits to prove the allegations set forth in his petition to her Majesty, referred to this Board the 2nd of June, 1709, and read the 3rd of the same month ; which their lordships agreed to take into consideration at a convenient opportunity.

A memorial from the merchants of Whitehaven, Cockermouth and Penrith [*fo.* 362], complaining of an illegal trade carried on at the Isle of Man ; with the heads of a Bill proposed to be passed into an Act for remedy of the said illegal trade, were read ; whereupon their lordships agreed [*fo.* 345, 366] to reconsider the same when they shall have received from the Commissioners of the Customes the accounts of exports to the said Isle of Man, desired by the secretary's letter of the 23rd of the last month.

Ordered that a letter be writ to the Governor of the Hamburg Company to desire the opinion of the said Company as soon as possible [*fo.* 312, 371] upon the copy of a memorial from the Private Court Chancery of Austria to the Royal Court Chancery of Bohemia, relating to the importation of the English woollen manufacture into those countries.

A second memorial from Mr. Hughs [*fo.* 351], touching his proposal for the advancement of the trade of this kingdom in Germany, mentioned in the minutes of the 20th of the last month, was read ; whereupon ordered that the draught of a letter be prepared to Mr. Secretary Boyle thereupon.

February 3. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

The following letters were read, vizt. : A letter from the Mayor of Dartmouth, of the 29th of the last month [*fo.* 343], signifying that 8 ships are preparing to sail from that town, and desiring 6 convoys ; a letter from the Mayor of Weymouth, signifying that 4 ships are to sail from thence to Newfoundland, and desiring

Trade.
Plantations General.
Brise's memorial.
Illegal trade.
Letter to Mr. Carkesse
about prevention
thereof.

Newfoundland.
Mr. Campbell.
Account of his losses.
Affidavits upon his
petition.

Trade.
Memorial from
merchants of White-
haven &c.
Isle of Man.
Heads of a bill against
illegal trade.

Letter to Governor of
the Hamburg
Company.

Woollen manufacture
&c. in Austria.

Second memorial from
Mr. Hughs.
Trade in Germany.

Letter to
Mr. Secretary Boyle.

Newfoundland.
Fishing ships,
convoys &c.
Letters from the Mayors
of Dartmouth,
Weymouth,
Biddeford.

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*Memorial from
Mr. James Campbell.
Two from Mr. Colin
Campbell and Mr.
Cummings about
fortifying Ferryland.
Letter to Mr. Burchet.*

Barbadoes.
*Order on Mr. Gordon's
petition and of
planters &c. against
an Act.
Clerks and Marshals
of Courts &c.
Certificate about their
appointment &c.*

*Order on the petition
of Mr. Skene against
the said Act.*

4 convoys; a letter from the Mayor of Bideford, signifying that 12 or 14 ships are to sail from thence, and desiring 8 convoys.

A memorial from Mr. James Campbell, relating to the trade to Newfoundland [fo. 346], and to convoys to be sent thither, and 2 memorials, the one from Mr. Collin Campbell, the other from Mr. Archibald Cumings, relating to the fortifying Ferryland, were all read; whereupon their lordships gave directions for preparing an answer to Mr. Burchet's letter of the 21st of the last month.

An Order of Council of the 26th of the last month [fo. 238, 370], referring to the Board the petition of Mr. Gordon, provost marshal of Barbadoes, as also the petition of several planters and inhabitants of that island against an Act past there in 1667, relating to clerks and marshals of Courts, was read.

Certificate from several gentlemen and merchants trading to Barbadoes, relating to the appointment of marshals in the Court of Common Pleas in that island, was read.

An Order of Council of the 26th of the last month [fo. 238, 370], referring to this Board the petition of Mr. Skeen, secretary of Barbadoes, complaining of an Act past there in 1667, relating to the appointment of clerks &c. and praying a repeal of the said Act, was read; and Mr. Gordon and Mr. Tryon attending with Mr. Walters and Mr. Walker, Mr. Gordon communicated to their lordships the extracts of a letter from Mr. Le Guay, late marshal of the Bridge Court, signifying that the Governor and Judges demanded so much money of him that he was obliged to quit that employment, which was read. Their lordships also read the fore-mentioned Act, past in 1667, and taking notice that there was some small perquisites settled upon the Judges by the said Act, Mr. Walker acquainted their lordships that the said Judges had other perquisites, vizt., 20 shillings for the acknowledgement of deeds before them, and 5 shillings for judgments, besides other things of the like nature; these gentlemen further added that they did not doubt in case the fore-mentioned Act should be repealed, but the Assembly there would pass a new Act, if recommended to them for settling fees and perquisites for the said Judges. These gentlemen being withdrawn, their lordships gave directions for preparing the draught of a representation upon the fore-mentioned Orders of Council.

Ordered that a letter be writ to the Swedish merchants [fo. 349, 364], to desire them to let their lordships have on Tuesday morning next, if possible, the memorial they promised their lordships the 27th of the last month.

Trade.
*Letter to Swedish
merchants for their
memorial.*

February 7. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

Newfoundland.
*Convoys.
Letters from the Mayors
of Exeter,
Barnstable,
Foway.*

The three following letters were read (vizt.): A letter from the Mayor of Exeter [fo. 343], signifying that four ships are preparing to sail from thence to Newfoundland, and that they desire six convoys; a letter from the Mayor of Barnstable, signifying that four ships are to go from that town to Newfoundland, and desiring six convoys; a letter from the Mayor of Foway, signifying that no ships will go from thence to Newfoundland this year.

A letter to Mr. Burchet, in answer to one from him of the 21st of the last month [fo. 340, 370], relating to the number of ships to be sent this year from London and the out-ports to Newfoundland, and to convoys necessary for the said trade, was agreed and order'd to be sent.

Their lordships, taking into consideration the letter from Mr. Jackson, her Majesty's Commissary at Stockholm [fo. 349, 363], to Mr. Secretary Boyle, relating to the pitch and tar trade &c., mentioned in the minutes of the 27th of the last month, the same was again read.

The copy of a letter from the principal officers and commissioners of her Majesty's Navy to Mr. Burchet [fo. 349], upon extracts of the foregoing letter touching the conduct of the tar company at Stockholm, was likewise read; whereupon their lordships agreed upon several heads in order to the preparing a report to her Majesty upon the pitch and tar trade, and further order'd [fo. 359] that Colonel Nicholson, Colonel Lodwick and Mr. Byfeild have notice to attend the Board to-morrow morning.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Carkesse, secretary to the Commissioners of the Customes [fo. 384], for an account of naval stores imported from Christmas, 1708, to Christmas, 1709, specifying the allowance of premiums, as in the last account received from Mr. Savage.

February 8. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

Colonel Nicholson, Colonel Lodwick, Mr. Byfeild, and Mr. Marshal attending [fo. 358, 363], and being acquainted with what was at present under their consideration, vizt., the supplying of this kingdom with pitch and tar from the plantations; and being asked several questions, they said that there is no doubt but this kingdom might be fully supply'd from the plantations; that Mr. Byfeild had a year or two ago offered to contract with the Navy Board for all the tar they should want for the use of the Navy, to be imported from Carolina, but that he could not do it at so cheap a rate as the Stockholm Tarr Company did, by reason of the dearness of freight from the plantations, the freight from Carolina being about 10*l.* per tun, that from New England 8*l.*, and that from New York 7*l.* 10*s.* per tun: but they doubted not that in time of peace it might be had for about 5*l.* per tun from the Northern Colonies, the freight from Sweden is but 3*l.* per last.

Being asked at what rate tar might be bought in the plantations, they agreed it might be delivered there at 6*l.* per tun, and perhaps cheaper in time of peace.

They said that the insurance to the plantations without convoy was generally about 16 guineas per hundred pound, and with convoy about 8 guineas.

Then being asked the difference of the prices between the Stockholm pitch and tar, and that from the plantations, they said the last Stockholm tar was sold for 10*l.* the last, and the pitch from 13*l.* to 14*l.* per tun, but that the tar is now much dearer by reason of the scarcity of it, at least 20*l.* a last; that the Plantation tar

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*Letter to Mr. Burchet.
Convoys &c.*

Trade.

*Letter from Mr. Jackson
at Stockholm.
Pitch and tar.*

*Letter from Commis-
sioners of the Navy
upon Mr. Jackson's
foregoing.*

*Heads of a report.
Merchants &c.
summon'd.*

*Letter to Mr. Carkesse.
Account of naval
stores imported &c.*

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Plantations General.
*Several gentlemen
about naval stores
from the plantations*

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cannot at present be sold under 18*l.* per last, and the pitch 14*l.* per tun, which is occasioned in a great measure by the method of the payment of the premium at the Navy Board, which is in bills payable in course, but carrying no interest after six months, as the other Navy bills do, which last-mentioned bills are at present at 23*l.* per cent discount, whereas those issued for the said premiums are at 35*l.* But if the foresaid premium was paid in money, as the bounty upon corn, or at least if there was interest allowed after six months upon the bills issued for the said premium, then the plantation tar might be sold in proportion so much cheaper.

These gentlemen being further asked, if the ships to be employed in the pitch and tar trade might not make two voyages a year, they said that the same ships could not do it, if they were to sail from the port of London; but that it might be done from Plymouth, in which case they must sail from thence with little or no loading, which would make the freight of the tar home still dearer; however, they thought that it might easily be done, in case there were sufficient stores ready in the plantations, by two different setts of ships, the one to sail at or about the time the other shall arrive from the plantations.

Ordered that the New England merchants have notice to attend the Board on Fryday morning next.

New England.*Merchants summon'd.*

February 9. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

Bermuda.*Letter to Col. Bennet.*

A letter to Colonel Bennet, Lieutenant Governor of Bermuda, relating to illegal trade carried on between Curacoa and Bermuda, was signed.

Trade.

*Memorial of merchants.
Illegal trade at the
Isle of Man.*

Their lordships, taking into consideration the memorial from the merchants of Whitehaven, Cockermouth and Penrith, complaining of an illegal trade carry'd on at the Isle of Man [*fo.* 354, 367], with the heads of a Bill proposed for remedy thereof (mentioned in the minutes of the 1st instant), the same was again read and directions given for preparing the draught of a representation thereupon.

*Draught of representa-
tion.*

Plantations General.

*Letter from
Mr. Dummer.
Proceedings of Sophia
Packet Boat.*

A letter from Mr. Dummer, of the 31st of the last month, giving an account of the sailing of the *Sophia* packet boat out and home, as likewise of the great number of privateers in the West Indies, was read.

Trade.

*Order of Council.
Prices of bread and
corn.*

The Order of Council of the 22nd January last, directing their lordships to inform themselves of the prices of bread corn in this kingdom [*fo.* 344, 367], and what methods are best for a supply of this city therewith (mentioned in the minutes of the 24th of the last month), was again read; whereupon order'd that a letter be writ to Mr. Carkesse, to desire that the return to the letter writ Mr. Savage, the 23rd of the last month, for the price of corn in the several out-ports, may be dispatch'd as soon as possible, in order to their reporting thereon to her Majesty.

Letter to Mr. Carkess.

Newfoundland.

*Merchants.
Memorial about con-
voys and against
Major Lloyd or
Capt. Moody's com-
manding the garrison
there.*

Mr. Solomon Merret, Mr. Gold and other Newfoundland merchants attending, they presented to their lordships a memorial relating to convoys to be sent this year to Newfoundland [*fo.* 346, 378], and praying that neither Major Lloyd nor Captain Moody may be sent to command the garrison there, was read; whereupon order'd that the said memorial be compared with the representation of this

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Board of the 29th of January, 1709, to see what difference there is in what is now desired, and what was then ordered.

February 10. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

Their lordships again taking into consideration Mr. Jackson's letter [fo. 358, 366] relating to the pitch and tar trade at Stockholm, ordered that the secretary write to him for his opinion whether it be not practicable to procure half a dozen or more Finlanders or other Swedes, well skill'd in the making of pitch and tar, to be employ'd in that manufacture in Great Britain, and if to be done, on what terms such people are to be had.

Mr. Byfeild attending, presented to their lordships a memorial in behalf of himself and company [fo. 359, 365], containing his proposal for contracting to furnish her Majesty's Navy with pitch and tar from Carolina, which was read ; and he added in discourse that he did not beleive that those commodities could now be had in Sweden at the rate he offer'd them for.

Mr. Brice praying their lordships that his protection from pressing might be renewed [fo. 337, 392], order'd that a letter be writ to Mr. Burchet in favour of the said Brice accordingly.

Mr. Wordsworth and 20 other Swedish merchants attending [fo. 349], presented to their lordships a memorial relating to passes agreed by the treaty between England and Denmark in 1670, which was read ; and they added in discourse that, tho' the pass as settled by that treaty was sufficient to protect their ships outward bound, yet no mention being made therein of their return, otherwise than by the general words, vizt., *Or else find a freight*, which words they thought too uncertain to depend upon, and therefore desired that her Majesty would be pleased to direct her Minister in Denmark to move that Court that those words might be further explained, either by agreeing to a new form of a pass, whereby the oath of the British factor, or master of ship freighting and loading goods there, shall be an authentick proof that the property of the said goods is British ; or else that the Court of Denmark do declare that they understand the present form of the pass to be effectual to secure British ships in their return home. They further desired that the same thing may be done at the Court at Sweden, Muscovy and Poland ; the 2 latter having many privateers and small craft in the Baltick, they were afraid of disturbances from them.

Then being asked some questions in relation to pitch and tar [fo. 363], they said that there was now at Stockholm, loaden on board Swedish ships, about 1,000 last of pitch and tar, 300 whereof, the remains of last year's contract, were for the use of her Majesty's Navy, the rest intended for a market here, which not being able to get away before the war broke out in the North, an embargo was laid on those ships, for fear of their meeting with the Danes. If that tar had arrived here in time, it would have been sold between 11*l.* 10*s.* and 12*l.* per last.

These gentlemen being withdrawn, their lordships gave directions for preparing the draught of a letter to Sir Charles Hedges [fo. 366,

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Letter to Mr. Jackson at Stockholm about Swedes to be employed in Great Britain to make pitch and tar &c.

Trade.**Carolina.**

Naval stores. Memorial from Mr. Byfeild.

Trade.**Plantations General.**

Brice's protection. Letter to Mr. Burchet.

Trade.

Swedish merchants. Memorial about passes between England and Denmark.

Sweden, Muscovy and Poland.

Naval stores.

Letter to Sir Charles Hedges with copy of passport,

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&c.
for his opinion.

369], inclosing a copy of the form of the pasport mentioned in the aforesaid treaty of 1670, and stating to him the objections of the merchants thereunto, and desiring his opinion, whether an amendment proposed by their lordships to the said pass will not be sufficient to protect their ships according to their desire.

February 13. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

Trade.
Representation on
Mr. Jackson's letter.

The draught of a representation upon a letter from Mr. Jackson, her Majesty's Commissary at Stockholm [fo. 363, 368], referr'd to this Board by Mr. Secretary Boyle's letter of the 24th of the last month, read the 27th ditto, relating to the present state of the pitch and tar trade of this kingdom from Sweden, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Pitch and tar trade.

Letter to Sir Charles
Hedges.

Form of passports
between England and
Denmark.

Merchants' objections.

A letter from the secretary to Sir Charles Hedges [fo. 365], inclosing the form of the passport agreed by the treaty between the Crowns of England and Denmark in 1670, and stating to him the objections of the merchants thereunto, and desiring his opinion therein &c., as directed at the last meeting, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

Letter from
Mr. Carkesse.
Corn exported
from London
and the

A letter from Mr. Carkesse, secretary to the Commissioners of the Customs, of the 10th instant, inclosing an account of corn exported from the port of London [fo. 354], from Michaelmas, 1709, to Christmas following, the bounty allow'd thereupon, and the market prices at Christmas last.

out-ports &c.

An account of the quantities of corn exported from the out-ports, from Michaelmas to Christmas, 1709, with the bounty money allow'd thereupon, and the market prices as they were at Christmas last, which letter and accounts, as also her Majesty's Order in Council of the 22nd of the last month [fo. 362, *vide infra*], touching the prices of corn &c., were read, and directions given for preparing the draught of a representation for laying the same before her Majesty.

Representation there-
upon.

Newfoundland.

Letter from the Mayor
of Plymouth.
Ships to be sent thence.

A letter from the Mayor of Plymouth, of the 10th instant, signifying that three ships will be sent from thence this year to Newfoundland &c., was read.

February 14. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

Trade.
Representation about
corn.

A representation relating to the price of corn [*vide supra*, fo. 385], as directed at the last meeting, was signed.

Representation touching
illegal trade in the
Isle of Man.

The draught of a representation on the memorial of the merchants of Whitehaven, Cockermouth and Penrith [fo. 362, 368], complaining of an illegal trade carry'd on at the Isle of Man, as directed the 9th instant, was agreed, and order'd to be transcribed.

Trade.
Plantations General.
Representation about
pitch and tar trade.

A representation relating to the present state of the pitch and tar trade of this kingdom from Sweden [fo. 366, 391], together with a letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle, inclosing the same, as agreed yesterday, were signed.

Trade.
Memorial from Mr.
Hughes about trade
in Germany.

An additional memorial from Mr. Hugh Hughes to his proposals read the 20th of the last month [fo. 339, *vide infra*], for establishing a Commissioner for the better carrying on the business of trade

and commerce in Germany, was read; and the draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle thereupon, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

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Letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle thereupon.

February 15. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

A representation relating to an illegal trade carried on at the Isle of Man [fo. 367, 385], agreed at the last meeting, was sign'd.

A letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle on the proposals of Mr. Hugh Hughs [*vide supra*], for carrying on the business of trade and commerce in Germany, also agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

A letter from Sir Charles Hedges, of the 14th instant [fo. 365, 371], in answer to one writ him the 13th ditto, relating to passes for ships trading into the Baltic, was read, and directions given for preparing the draught of a representation on the memorial from the Swedish merchants relating to that subject.

A letter from the Lords Proprietors of Carolina, of the 2nd instant [fo. 338], in answer to one writ them the 19th of the last month, touching illegal trade carried on to Curacoa and St. Thomas, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council, of the 5th of the last month, upon a representation of the 4th ditto [fo. 325], proposing the confirmation of an Act past in Jamaica in April, 1709, to enable trustees to make sale of certain lands, part of the estate of George Ivy, deceased, &c., approving the said representation, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council of the 26th of January, 170⁹/₁₀, upon a report from the Lords Committee for hearing appeals, touching the difference between Mr. Lillington and Mr. Walker, about 2,000*l.* fine paid by the said Lillington in Barbadoes for having spoken words against Sir Bevil Granville, then Governor of that island, and directing a *noli prosequi* to be enter'd on the recognizances of the said Walker, and Mr. Norman Mackaskell, was read.

Sir Alexander Cairns attending, presented to their lordships a petition from the merchants of Biddiford, relating to the ships to be sent from thence to Newfoundland [fo. 358], and to convoys, which was read; whereupon Sir Alexander was acquainted with what their lordships had already done in that matter, by their secretary's letter to Mr. Burchet of the 7th instant.

A letter from Mr. Daniel White, of the 12th February, n.s., in answer to one writ him by the secretary the 19th of January last, relating to the prohibition of tanned leather at Bruges, and to what had been done for taking off the said prohibition, was read.

The draught of a representation upon the petitions of Mr. Gordon, provost marshal of Barbadoes, and Mr. Skene, secretary of that island [fo. 356, 372], directed the 3rd instant, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

February 16. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

Order'd that the substance of the proposal of the Private Court Chancery of Bohemia [fo. 354, 407], relating to the importation

Trade.
Isle of Man.
Representation.

Letter to
Mr. Secretary Boyle.
Mr. Hughes' com-
merce in Germany.

Trade.
Letter from Sir Charles
Hedges.
Passes for the
Baltick.
Representation.

Carolina.
Letters from the Lords
Proprietors.
Illegal trade with
Curacoa and
St. Thomas.

Jamaica.
Order on represen-
tation.
Act about Estate of
G. Ivy.

Barbadoes.
Order on report
of Committee of
Appeals.
Lillington and Walker.

Noli Prosequi to be
enter'd.

Newfoundland.
Sir Alexander Cairns.
Petition of merchants
of Biddiford.
Convoys &c.

Trade.
Letter from Mr. White.
Prohibition of tann'd
leather at Bruges.

Barbadoes.
Representation on
petitions of Mr. Gordon
and Skene.

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*Proposal of the
Chancery of Austria
about woollen manu-
factures communicated
to Mr. Harris.*

*Representation on
memorial of Swedish
merchants.*

New York.

*Letter from Mr. Lownds
on petition of
Mr. Rayner.
Grants to the Palatines.
Mr. Rayner
summon'd.*

Barbadoes.

*Representations on the
petitions of
Mr. Gordon and Skene.*

Jamaica.

*Letter from the
Governor.
Extracts about soldiers
communicated to
Capt. Gardner and
about condition of
men-of-war &c. sent
to Mr. Burchet.*

Leeward Islands.

Letter from Col. Parke.

*Minutes of Council of
Antigua.*

Second letter from him.

*Third letter from
Col. Parke.
Act about Freeman.*

Barbadoes.

*Letter from Mr. Crow.
Second letter from him.*

*Three suspended
counsellors.*

*Third letter from
Mr. Crow.
Papers.*

of the English woollen manufactures into those countries be communicated to Mr. Harris, member of Parliament for Exeter.

The draught of a representation on the memorial from the Swedish merchants [*fo.* 369, 376], relating to passes for ships trading into the Baltick, was agreed and order'd to be transcribed.

A letter from Mr. Lowndes, referring to the Board, by order of the Lord High Treasurer, a petition of Mr. Rayner [*fo.* 376], praying some consideration for his finding out and preparing grants of lands to be settled on the Palatines in New York, was read; whereupon order'd that Mr. Rayner have notice to attend the Board to-morrow morning.

A representation upon the petitions of Mr. Gordon and Mr. Skeen [*fo.* 370, 385], agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

A letter from Brigadier Handasyd, Governor of Jamaica, dated the 17th of December, 1709, was read; whereupon order'd that paragraph C of the said letter relating to the number of soldiers dead in Jamaica, and to recruits, be communicated to Captain Gardiner, as also that paragraph H of the same letter, relating to the bad condition the men-of-war are in at Jamaica, and to the islands being infested with French privateers, be sent to Mr. Burchet, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and that the secretary do prepare the draught of an answer to the foresaid letter.

A letter from Colonel Parke, Governor of the Leeward Islands, of the 25th of November, 1709, touching his proceedings with the Assembly of Antego in relation to their pretending to have their Speaker sign Acts after the Governor, was read; and the minutes of Council in Assembly of Antego, from the 8th of June, 1709, to the 21st of November following, were laid before the Board.

A second letter from Colonel Parke to the secretary, of the 25th of November, 1709, relating to the hearing of the complaints against him, and to his having been shot through the arm &c., was read.

A third letter from Colonel Parke, of the 24th of November, 1709 [*fo.* 376], relating to an Act pass'd at Antegoa in 1700, to enable Robert Freeman &c., to sell three parcels of land in that island, was read; as likewise the petition of the said Freeman praying that the said Act may receive her Majesty's royal confirmation; whereupon ordered that all the papers in this office relating to the said petition be laid before their lordships.

A letter from Mr. Crow, Governor of Barbadoes, dated the 25th of September, 1709, was read.

A second letter from Mr. Crow, Governor of Barbadoes, of the same date, promising to obey her Majesty's order for reinstating the 3 suspended counsellors, was read.

A third letter from Mr. Crow, dated the 18th of November, 1709, was read; and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt.;

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*Papers therein
referr'd to.*

Address of the Assembly of Barbadoes to Mr. Crow, containing reasons against repealing a clause in the Act appointing a Committee to settle the publick accounts, relating to the appointing clerks and marshals.

Mr. Crow's speech to the Assembly of Barbadoes, the 31st of October, 1709.

Commissioners of the Fortifications' estimate of necessaries wanting for repair of several forts and batteries in Barbadoes.

List of papers sent from Barbadoes the 25th of September, 1709.

Copy of Mr. Crow's order to Judge Beckles for taking of depositions in behalf of Mr. Sharp, Walker and Beresford.

Mr. Upton's deposition of his having delivered Judge Beckles, Mr. Crow's order for examining witnesses pursuant to her Majesty's order on the representation of Mr. Sharp, Walker and Beresford.

Deposition of Mr. Upton, relating to Mr. Walker's delivering to Mr. Crow her Majesty's order for readmitting the 3 suspended Counsellors.

Mr. Upton's deposition relating to his attendance on Mr. Sharpe for a copy of his, Mr. Walker's and Mr. Beresford's representation against Mr. Crow.

Naval officers' list of ships enter'd and cleared at Barbadoes, from the 25th of June to the 24th of September, 1709.

Minutes of Council, from the 12th of July to the 8th of November, 1709.

Minutes of the Assembly of Barbadoes, from the 24th of August to the 15th of November, 1709.

February 17. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

Ordered that a particular book be kept, in which shall be entred an abstract of all the list of ships enterd and clear'd from the plantations, as also an abstract of such accounts of imports and exports from and to this kingdom, as shall be received from the Custom House here.

A representation relating to passes for ships trading into the Baltick, as agreed at the last meeting [fo. 371, 385], together with a letter inclosing the same to Mr. Secretary Boyle, were signed.

The several papers in this office relating to an Act past at Antego in 1700 [fo. 373], entituled *An Act to enable Robert Freeman and Mary his wife to sell 3 parcels of land lying in several places in this island, containing in the whole about 180 acres, for the farther settlement of this island*, were read; and it appearing by the said Act that the deeds of sale made by the said Robert Freeman and Mary his wife were to be consented to and attested by the Governor and four of the Council of that island, which Colonel Park, in his letter, mention'd in yesterday's minutes, certifies not to have been done, their lordships are of opinion that they cannot

Plantations General.
*Book for abstracts
of ships enter'd and
cleared.*

Trade.
*Book for exports and
imports.*

Trade.
*Representation.
Passes for ships
trading into the
Baltick.*

Antigua.
Act about Freeman.

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New York.
*Mr. Rayner about
 his petition.*

His salaries.

lay the said Act before her Majesty for her approbation, and order'd that when Mr. Freeman calls here, he be acquainted therewith.

Mr. Rayner attending [*fo.* 371, 381], his petition mentioned in yesterday's minutes, was again read; and being asked how his salary as Attorney and Advocate General arose, he said that he was allow'd as Attorney General 150*l.* sterling, payable here, and 100*l.* New York money by an establishment there, payable out of that revenue; but, as the Assembly frequently appropriated the revenue there, he was afraid that part of his salary would become precarious, and therefore desired that it might be paid out of the quit rents. His salary as Advocate General was 100*l.* New York money, payable out of the forfeitures incurred upon the breaches of Acts of Parliament made here relating to illegal trade, and the Receiver General esteeming that part of the revenue to be properly under the directions of the Lord High Treasurer, had refused to pay it him without directions from hence. Whereupon he was directed to get from Mr. Blathwayt a certificate of the establishment of his salaries at New York.

Jamaica.
Escheats.

Letter to Mr. Lowndes.

Their lordships taking into consideration what Brigadier Handasyd writes in his letter of the 14th of June, 1709 [*fo.* 264, 378], relating to escheats found for her Majesty at the Grand Court in Jamaica, and proposing a disposal thereof, order'd that a letter be writ to Mr. Lowndes for laying the same before the Lord High Treasurer for her Majesty's directions therein.

February 20. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

Jamaica.
Escheats.
Letter to Mr. Lowndes.

The letter to Mr. Lowndes from the secretary relating to escheats in Jamaica [*fo.* 377], directed at the last meeting, was agreed, and ordered to be sent.

Maryland.
*Sir Thomas Lawrence
 to prove the allega-
 tions of his petition.*

Ordered that Sir Thomas Lawrence have notice to attend the Board on Fryday morning next [*fo.* 351, 382], and that he do bring with him what proofs he may have to make good the allegations set forth in his petition, read the 31st of the last month.

Newfoundland.
Representation.

Their lordships, taking into consideration the draught of a representation relating to the present state of Newfoundland [*fo.* 363, 379], made a progress therein.

February 21. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

Newfoundland.
Representation.

The draught of a representation relating to the present state of defence of Newfoundland and to convoys for this year's trade [*fo.* 378, 381], mentioned in yesterday's minutes, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Bahamas.
*Order of Council
 about taking those
 Islands into her
 Majesty's protection.*

*Earl of Sunderland
 to lay that matter before
 her Majesty.*

A copy of an Order of Council of the 26th of January, 170⁹/₁₀, upon a report from Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor General, and a representation of this Board of the second of February, 170⁸/₉ [*fo.* 19], relating to her Majesty's taking the Bahama Islands into her protection, approving the said report and representation, and directing the Earl of Sunderland to lay that matter before her Majesty, in order to her appointing a Governor of the said Bahama Islands, was read.

Mr. Maurice Birchfield attending, acquainted their lordships that he was appointed Surveyor General of the Customes at New York, and that he should be glad to receive their lordships' commands, he being upon his departure thither. Whereupon he was desired to inform their lordships from time to time, of everything that might be for the advancement of trade in those parts, which he promised to do accordingly.

A memorial from Peter Holt [*fo.* 336], relating to illegal trade carried on between Curacoa and St. Thomas, and the British plantations &c., was read.

Their lordships again taking into consideration the Order of Council of the 15th of December last [*fo.* 335, 386], together with the several papers relating to the petition of Francis Pouch and Daniel Gashet, complaining of goods seized on board a flag of truce at Martinico, mentioned in the minutes of the 13th and 16th of January last; ordered that extracts of what may relate to the said Pouch be made from the minutes of Council of Antego from the 27th July, 1708, to the 23rd of April, 1709, and laid before their lordships.

An Order of Council of the second of June, 1709 [*fo.* 124, 387], on the petition of Mr. Campbell, relating to the sufferings on account of the trade in Newfoundland, requiring their lordships to report a full state of the petitioner's case, was read; and found to be the same as another order of the same date, read the 3rd of the aforesaid month, only with this difference, that the last mention'd order requires the opinion of the Board, which this does not.

The Earl of Orkeney attending, with Colonel Spotswood [*fo.* 318, *vide infra*], he acquainted their lordships that he had nominated the said Spotswood to be his Deputy Governor of Virginia.

February 23. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

A representation touching the present state and defence of Newfoundland [*fo.* 379; O. *fo.* 110], agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

The draught of instructions to the Earl of Orkney for the government of Virginia [*vide supra*, 383], was agreed, and a letter to the Earl of Sunderland, inclosing the same, was signed.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Lowndes, in answer to one from him of the 2nd instant [*fo.* 376], on the petition of Mr. Rayner, mentioned in the minutes of the 17th instant, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

February 24. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

Sir Thomas Lawrence attending, as he had been appointed [*fo.* 378], his petition, referr'd to this Board by her Majesty's Order in Council of the 26th of January last, was read, and Sir Thomas being asked what proofs he had to the several allegations therein set forth, he presented to their lordships a memorial containing

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New York.
Mr. Birchfield,
Surveyor General of
the Customs.

Plantations General.
Trade.

Memorial from
Mr. Holt.
Illegal trade.

Leeward Islands.
Papers about
Pouch and Gashet.

Extracts to be made
of Minutes of Council
of Antigua thereupon.

Newfoundland.
Order on petition of
Mr. Campbell.
His sufferings.

Virginia.
Earl of Orkney,
Col. Spotswood,
his Deputy Governor
of Virginia.

Newfoundland.
Representation.

Virginia.
Draught of instructions
for the Earl of Orkney.
Letter to the
Earl of Sunderland.

New York.
Letter to Mr. Lowndes
on petition of
Mr. Rayner.

Maryland.
Sir Thomas Lawrence
about his petition.

Memorial in proof of
his allegations.

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extracts of letters from Colonel Quarry and Mr. Phileman Lloyd, his Deputy, which was read; their lordships taking notice that what is mentioned in the said extract relating to Colonel Seymour is generally either hearsay, or directly contrary to what appears in several of the minutes of Council and Assembly, Sir Thomas declared that he was desirous to wave that part of his said petition, which reflected upon the said Colonel Seymour, and prayed that their lordships would only report his case with relation to the Assembly's refusing to comply with her Majesty's directions, signified by her letter to the late Governor Colonel Seymour, dated the 15th of January, 1707, which their lordships agreed to do accordingly. Sir Thomas being withdrawn, directions were given [fo. 384] for preparing the draught of a representation upon the said petition accordingly.

*Representation on his
said petition.*

Virginia.

*Earl of Orkney's
instructions for
trade.*

*Letter to the
Earl of Sunderland.*

The draught of instructions to the Earl of Orkney [fo. 381, 396], relating to the Acts of Trade and Navigation being in the usual form, was laid before the Board, and a letter to the Earl of Sunderland, inclosing the same, was signed.

March 13. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter from Mr. Lowndes of the 25th of the last month, referring to the Board the extract of a memorial from several of the members of the Parliament of Ireland, relating to the exportation of Irish linnen to the plantations, was read; and an answer thereunto was agreed and ordered to be sent.

Ireland.

*Letter from
Mr. Lowndes
about exportation of
Irish linnen &c.
Answer.*

Trade.

*Draught of represen-
tation on memorial
from Lubeck about
trading to this
kingdom.*

*Letter to
Mr. Secretary Boyle.*

Maryland.

*Memorial from
Sir Thomas Lawrence
against Mr. Bladon.*

*Draught on represen-
tation on the petition of
Sir Thomas Lawrence
complaining of
hardships.*

The draught of a representation upon the memorial from the city of Lubeck to Mr. Wych [fo. 352, 386], her Majesty's Envoy to the Hans Towns, desiring that their merchants may have permission to trade to this kingdom, upon the like foot with those of Hamburgh and Bremen, together with a letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle, inclosing the same, were agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

A memorial from Sir Thomas Lawrence, secretary of Maryland [fo. 350], complaining of the proceedings of Mr. Blayden, Attorney General of that province, was read.

The draught of a representation upon the petition of Sir Thomas Lawrence to her Majesty [fo. 383, 386], complaining of hardships he has sustained in his office &c., directed the 24th of the last month, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Leeward Islands.

*Draught of report
relating to
Pouch and Gashet.*

The draught of a representation upon the petition of Francis Pouch and Daniel Gashet, complaining of goods belonging to them, seized on board a flagg of truce at Martinico, mentioned in the minutes of the 21st of the last month, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Trade.

*Letter from Mr.
Carkesse about naval
stores imported.*

A letter from Mr. Carkesse [fo. 358], secretary to the Commissioners of the Customes, of the 8th February, in answer to one writ him the 7th ditto, promising an account of naval stores imported from her Majesty's plantations into this kingdom, and other foreign parts, from Christmas, 1708, to Christmas, 1709, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council of the 18th February, 170⁹/₁₀ [fo. 367] upon a representation of the 14th ditto, relating to the prices of corn, and to the supplying the city of London therewith at reasonable rates, approving the same, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council of the 18th February, 170⁹/₁₀ [fo. 368], upon a representation of the 15th ditto, relating to illegal trade carried on at the Isle of Man &c., approving the said representation, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council of the 18th February, 170⁹/₁₀ [fo. 372], upon a representation of the 16th ditto, on the petition of Mr. Gordon &c., against an Act passed in Barbadoes in 1667, about clerks and marshals, and approving the said representation, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council of the 18th of February, 170⁹/₁₀ [fo. 376], upon a representation of the 17th ditto, relating to passes for ships trading into the Baltick &c., approving the same, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council of the 18th of February, 170⁹/₁₀, directing that copies of the complaints against Colonel Park, Governor of the Leeward Islands, be sent to him, and that he do return to this kingdom, to answer the said complaints before her Majesty in Council, was read.

March 14. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

A representation upon the memorial from the city of Lubeck [fo. 383], desiring that their merchants may be permitted to trade to this kingdom, upon the like foot with those of Hamburgh and Bremen, as also a letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle, inclosing the same, agreed at the last meeting, were signed.

A representation upon the petition of Francis Pouch and Daniel Gashet [fo. 380, 405], touching goods seized on board a flag of truce at Martinico, agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

A memorial from Mr. Laws, relating to the Earl of Carberry's surrender of lands in Jamaica to her Majesty [fo. 257], and to quit rents thereof, was read, and a letter to Mr. Lowndes thereupon was agreed, and ordered to be sent.

A representation upon the petition of Sir Thomas Lawrence [fo. 384, 406], touching hardships he has sustain'd in his office of secretary of Maryland, agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

Their lordships taking into consideration the Act lately past at Jamaica for regulating fees [fo. 340, 388] (mentioned in the minutes of the 20th of January last), order'd that Colonel Laws, Colonel Long, and Mr. Totterdaile have notice that the Board desire to speak with them on Fryday morning next.

March 16. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse of the 14th instant [fo. 341], together with an account of goods exported from the out-ports of this kingdom to the Isle of Man, since the begining of this war, vizt., between the 4th May, 1702, to the 25th of December, 1709, was

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Trade.

Order of Council on representation about corn.

Order of Council on representation touching illegal trade at the Isle of Man.

Barbadoes.

Copy of an Order of Council on representation about Gordon, Provost Marshal &c.

Trade.

Order of Council on a representation about passes for ships trading to the Baltic.

Leeward Islands.

Order of Council touching complaints against Col. Parke &c.

Trade.

Representation on memorial from Lubeck.

Letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle.

Leeward Islands.

Representation on petition of Pouch and Gashet.

Jamaica.

Memorial from Mr. Laws.

Earl of Carberry's surrender of lands. Letter to Mr. Lowndes.

Maryland.

Representation on petition of Sir Thomas Lawrence.

Jamaica.

Act about fees. Persons summon'd.

Trade.

Isle of Man. Letter from Mr. Carkesse. Exports thither.

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Newfoundland.
Mr. Campbell's
losses.

Gentlemen summon'd.

read, and directions given for making an abstract of the said account touching the quantities of tobacco's exported to the Isle of Man.

Their lordships, taking into consideration the Order of Council of the 2nd of June last [fo. 380], relating to Mr. James Campbell's services and sufferings on account of the trade to Newfoundland, read the 21st of the last month, together with the said Campbell's account of his losses, and four affidavits in proof thereof, ordered [fo. 389] that Mr. Campbell, his brother, Captain Moody, Mr. Cummins and Dr. Jackson, if he be in town, have notice to attend the Board on Monday morning next.

March 17. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

Jamaica.
Capt. Lloyd and
Capt. Elmor.

Mr. Baber's and other
objections to the
Act about fees.
Reasons for passing it.

Colonel Lloyd and Captain Elmor (one of the Assembly of Jamaica) attending, their lordships acquainted them with the objections that had been made by Mr. Baber and other patentees here to the Act past in Jamaica in —, entituled *An Act for regulating Fees* [fo. 387], and several parts of the said Act were read ; whereupon Captain Elmor acquainted their lordships that the reason for passing this Act, was that there had been several new fees (not appointed by the former Act) taken in the Chancery and Register's Office), and therefore this Act was past for regulating that matter. As to the clause which obliges lawyers to take retaining fees (if not already retained), he said that was brought in by the lawyers themselves, in order to prevent plaintiffs retaining all the best Council in the island ; and as to the clause which directs that no person shall be employ'd to write in any of the offices there that is not a white person, and a Protestant conformable to the Church of England, he said that was intended against the Jews and free negroes, who are frequently employ'd in the said offices. These gentlemen being withdrawn, order'd [fo. 393] that a copy of the said Act be sent to Mr. Sollicitor General for his opinion in point of law, and that the patentees here, and the persons who appear for the Act, have notice thereof.

Letter to Mr. Solicitor
General for his opinion
thereupon.

March 20. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

Newfoundland.
Messrs. Campbell,
Capt. Moody and
Mr. Cumings.
Mr. Colin Campbell's
services and losses.

Mr. Campbell, with his brother, Captain Moody, and Mr. Cummins attending [fo. 388, 392], as they had been directed, and being asked what were the services done by Mr. Colin Campbell at the time when the French invested the fort at St. John's in Newfoundland, Captain Moody said that, by the means of the said Mr. Campbell, he obtained a truce for 4 or 5 days from Monsieur Subercasse, who commanded the French and Indians ; that during the truce he had several conferences with the said Campbell, and sent him over to the South Castle (when nobody else would do it) to incourage Captain Latham to hold out, being apprehensive least he might be under a necessity of surrendering, and that the said Campbell had like to have been killed by the Indians for doing the same ; that after the truce was ended, and Monsieur Subercass finding that Captain Moody would not surrender the fort, as he had been made to beleive he would, he threatned to

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put the said Campbell to death, and used him very barbarously, making him travel 5 days on foot through the woods and snow, carrying part of the said Supercasse's plunder, and, being able to go no further, was there left without help to come home by himself; that after the French were gone, Captain Moody perswaded the said Campbell to come over to this kingdom to lay a state of Newfoundland before her Majesty, which he did accordingly. The substance of all this was confirmed by the other gentlemen present.

Then Captain Moody added that the occasion of his being acquainted with Mr. Campbell's losses, and the effects left by him in Newfoundland, was, that he caused an account to be taken of the said losses, and upon Mr. Campbell's coming to this kingdom, he left with him, the said Moody, all his papers and effects. These gentlemen being withdrawn, their lordships gave directions for preparing the draught of a representation upon the Order of Council of the 2nd of June, 1709, relating to the losses of the said James Campbell.

Draught of representation on Mr. Campbell's petition.

March 21. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Boyle, of yesterday's date, inclosing the copy of an address to her Majesty from the House of Commons [fo. 368, 396], desiring that the report made by this Board to her Majesty relating to the state of the trade in pitch and tar with Stockholm, may be laid before that House, was read, and a copy of the said report being laid before their lordships, it was delivered to Mr. Pulteney, and he was desired to present the same to the House.

Trade.
Letter from Mr. Secretary Boyle. Address of the House of Commons. Pitch and tar trade. Copy of a report sent to the House.

Copy of her Majesty's letter to Colonel Park, Governor of the Leeward Islands, dated the 11th of the last month, recalling him from those islands, and directing him to come prepared to answer the complaints against him, and to permit the complainants to take affidavits or other informations there, for supporting their charge &c., was read.

Leeward Islands.
Queen's letter recalling Col. Park &c.

A letter from Mr. Burchet, of yesterday's date [fo. 364], touching a protection desired by Samuel Brise for one month, was read, and an answer thereto was agreed and ordered to be sent.

Plantations General.
Letter from Mr. Burchet. Protection of Brise. Answer.

March 22. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter from Mr. James Campbell, of yesterday's date [fo. 389, 394], desiring to attend their lordships once more in relation to his petition mentioned in the minutes of the 20th instant, was read; whereupon ordered that he have notice that their lordships will be ready to hear what he may have further to offer thereon, on Fryday morning next.

Newfoundland.
Letter to Mr. Campbell about his petition. Answer.

A letter to Mr. Solicitor General, directed the 17th instant [fo. 389; O. fo. 9], with a copy of an Act lately past at Jamaica, relating to fees, for his opinion thereupon in point of law, and particularly on that clause which obliges lawyers to take retaining fees under a penalty, and one other clause for qualifying of writing clerks &c., was agreed and ordered to be sent, and that Mr. Baber

Jamaica.
Letter from Mr. Solicitor General about the Act touching fees.

Mr. Baber and others to have notice thereof.

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and the rest of the patentees here, as also Colonel Lloyd and Captain Elmore, have notice thereof, to the end they may attend Mr. Solicitor, with what ever they may have to offer, either for or against the said Act.

March 24. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

Maryland.
Laws consider'd.

Their lordships took into consideration the body of laws past in Maryland in 1704 and 1705 [*fo.* 312] (contained in Book No. 16), mentioned in the minutes of the 14th of December, 1709, and read 5 of the said laws.

Newfoundland.
Mr. Campbell
summond.

The secretary acquainting their lordships that Mr. Campbell had desired to be excused from attending this day [*fo.* 392, *vide infra*], by reason of his being obliged to be at the House of Commons, ordered that he have notice to attend the Board on Wednesday morning next.

Jamaica.
Representation on
two Acts.

A representation proposing the confirmation of 2 Acts past at Jamaica in April, 1709 [*fo.* 266, 400], was signed ; the said Acts are as follows, vizt. :

An Act for the further and better securing of Port Royal.

An Act appointing way wardens, regulating wharfage, and buoying the Channel between Port Royal and Kingston.

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March 29, 1710. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

Newfoundland.
Campbell about his
losses.

Mr. James Campbell attending, as he was appointed the 27th instant [*vide supra*, *fo.* 398], and being asked what he had further to offer in relation to his brother's services at Newfoundland, mentioned in the minutes of the 22nd, he desired their lordships would be pleased to be referr'd to Captain Moody's journal of the occurrences and transactions that pass'd during the time the fort at St. John's was invested by the French in 1704 $\frac{1}{2}$, for several particulars in proof of what was set forth in his petition (vizt., Bundle H, No. 10, *folio* 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 22, 23, and 25).

Refers to Moody's
journal.

Jamaica.
Letter to the
Governor.

The draught of a letter to Brigadier Handasyd, Governor of Jamaica [*fo.* 398], was agreed and order'd to be transcribed.

March 30. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

Trade.
Letter from the
Earl of Sunderland
about the Lustring
Company.
Members summon'd.

A letter from the Earl of Sunderland of the 27th instant, 1710, [*fo.* 397], touching some designs on foot for breaking the Lustring Company, directing their lordships to enquire into the facts, and to consider of methods proper for supporting that Company, was read ; whereupon ordered that Mr. Hilary Reneu have notice to attend the Board on Monday next, with any other of the members of the said Company.

Trade.
Plantations General.
Letter from Mr. Boyle
about pitch and
tar trade.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Boyle of the 28th instant, inclosing the copy of a letter from the Commissioners of the Admiralty, upon an extract of a representation of this Board of the 14th of the last month [*fo.* 391, 399], relating to the pitch and tar trade with Stockholm, was read ; whereupon their lordships agreed to

take the same into further consideration on Tuesday morning next.

April 3. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

Colonel Spotswood, Deputy Governor of Virginia, having left some observations made by the Commissioners of the Customs on the Earl of Orkney's instructions relating to trade and navigation [fo. 383], the same were laid before the Board and read, and directions given [fo. 398] for writing a letter to Mr. Carkesse thereupon.

A letter from the Earl of Sunderland, of 27th March, 1710 [fo. 400], referring to their lordships a petition of the blanket weavers at Witney to her Majesty, directing the Board to consider how far the granting what is desired by the said petition may tend to a monopoly of that manufacture, to the prejudice of her Majesty's other subjects, was read. Whereupon order'd [fo. 401] that persons concern'd in the said petition have notice to attend the Board on Thursday morning next.

Mr. Reneu attending, as he had been desired [fo. 395], the Earl of Sunderland's letter of the 27th of the last month, relating to a design on foot for breaking the Lustring Company, was again read, and Mr. Reneu being asked several questions, he said that that Company has laboured under very great discouragements and suffered great losses, in so much that their stock, which was once 60,000*l.*, is not now above 16,000; that in consideration of their said discouragements and losses, one-half of the Directors of that Company were for dissolving the same, and dividing the stock remaining; but that he had prevailed with them to defer the doing thereof for two months, in order to try whether they could obtain any encouragement to enable them to carry on the Lustring manufacture. He then delivered to their lordships a memorial [fo. 400, 404], which he said contained a particular of all the hardships that Company has suffer'd, together with the remedies proposed for redress thereof; which their lordships resolved to take into consideration the first opportunity.

April 4. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter to Mr. Carkesse [fo. 396], upon some observations made by the Commissioners of the Customs, upon the instructions relating to the Acts of Trade and Navigation (mentioned in yesterday's minutes), was agreed and ordered to be sent.

A letter to Brigadier Handasyd, Governor of Jamaica [fo. 395], was signed.

A letter from Dr. Jackson, late chaplain to the garrison at St. John's in Newfoundland, to the secretary [fo. 394, 417], inclosing one to their lordships relating to the services performed by Mr. Colin Campbell, when the fort there was invested by the French, was read; and directions given for incerting what is therein set forth in the representation to be laid before her Majesty, upon the petition of Mr. James Campbell, touching the losses he has sustained in Newfoundland, as directed the 20th of the last month.

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Virginia.

*Col. Spotswood.
Commissioners of the
Customs.*

*Observations on the
Earl of Orkney's
instructions.*

Letter to Mr. Carkesse.

Trade.

*Letter from the
Earl of Sunderland.
Petition of blanket
weavers at Witney.*

Persons summon'd.

Mr. Reneu.

Lustring Company.

*Memorial of their
hardships, with
remedies proposed.*

Virginia.

*Letter to Mr. Carkesse.
Instructions for
trade &c.*

Jamaica.

*Letter to the
Governor.*

Newfoundland.

*Letters from
Dr. Jackson
in behalf of
Mr. Campbell.
Addition to the
report on
Mr. Campbell's peti-
tion.*

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Trade.

Letter from
Mr. Secretary Boyle
&c.
Pitch and tar.

Letter to
Mr. Secretary Boyle.

Their lordships, taking into consideration the letter from Mr. Secretary Boyle, of the 28th of the last month [*fo. 396, vide infra*], inclosing an extract of a letter from the Lords of the Admiralty, upon part of a representation to her Majesty, of the 14th of February last, relating to the pitch and tar trade, made some observations thereupon, and gave directions for preparing the draught of a letter for transmitting the same to Mr. Secretary Boyle.

April 5. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

Trade.
Letter to
Mr. Secretary Boyle.
Observations on a
letter from the
Admiralty about pitch
and tar trade.

A letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle, inclosing the copy of a letter from the Lords of the Admiralty to himself [*vide supra*], with the Board's observations thereupon, relating to the pitch and tar trade, directed the last meeting, was signed.

Jamaica.
Order on representa-
tion upon two acts.

An Order of Council, of the 30th of the last month [*fo. 394*], upon a representation of 24th ditto, proposing the confirmation of 2 Acts past in Jamaica in April, 1709, for securing Port Royal and appointing way wardens &c., approving the same, was read.

Trade.
Lustring Company.

The letter from the Earl of Sunderland, of the 27th of the last month [*fo. 396*], relating to the Lustring Company, was again read, as was also the memorial delivered to their lordships by Mr. Reneu the 3rd instant [*fo. 397*], and their lordships taking notice that the said memorial mentions a grant of his late Majesty King William to the Lustring Company of 2,400*l.* per annum for 7 years, dated before Namure in the year 1695, ordered that Mr. Reneu have notice to lay before their lordships a copy of the said grant or warrant on Monday, the 17th instant, and further ordered that the Company be desired to let their lordships see the ballance of their books [*fo. 403*], mentioned in the said memorial to have been made in January last.

Copy of a grant to
them.

Ballance of their
books.

Letter to Capt. Baker
for account of seizures
in Kent and
Sussex &c.

Ordered that Captain Baker be desired to let their lordships have an account of what seizures of wooll or other goods, and particularly of lustring and alamodes, have been made on the coasts of Kent and Sussex [*fo. 406*], and what proceedings have been thereupon, from January 31st, 1708.

April 6. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

Trade.
Blanket weavers.

The blanket weavers of Witney attending [*fo. 397, 405*], as they had been directed the 3rd instant, their petition was again read, and being asked several questions thereupon, they said that the blankets made by them, are sent up to Blackwell Hall, and there sold to merchants, and by them transported into most parts of Europe and into the plantations; that they make blankets from 5 shillings to 50 shillings per pair; that the river near Witney is the only water in England they know of that can serve for the making of blankets; that they have try'd several other rivers, but none would do; that the reason of their desiring to be incorporated was, that they might have power to make by-laws for regulating the length, breadth, weight and price of their blankets; for, being now under no such regulation, in order to under sell one

another, they do not work up the said blankets as they ought to be; that they did not desire to exclude any persons in other parts of this kingdom from making of blankets as they thought fit, but only that such as are within 10 or 20 miles of Witney should be obliged to be of their Corporation. The petitioners being withdrawn, ordered that one or two of the principal Blackwell Hall factors concerned in the blanket trade be desired to attend the Board on Monday, the 17th instant.

The accounts of incident charges of this office, from Christmas, 1709, to Ladyday, 1710, were laid before the Board, and are as follows:—

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
The secretary's account of petty expences, amounting to	13	14	3
The stationer's account for the same time, amounting to	21	3	6
The postman's account for the same time, amounting to	10	1	10
In all	44	19	7

And a letter to the Lord Treasurer, to desire the payment thereof, as also of the salary due to the secretary and the under officers in this commission, was signed.

Copy of Colonel Hamilton's commission to be Lieutenant General of the forces in the Leeward Islands, upon the death or absence of Colonel Parke, and to take upon him the government &c., was read.

April 17. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

Mr. Reneu attending, as he had been directed the 5th instant [*fo.* 400], he presented to their lordships the ballance of the Lustring Company's books, as it was stated the 13th of January last, together with the continuation of the said ballance to this day, the 17th instant; he also communicated to their lordships a report from the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, to the Lords Justices in 1695, relating to the allowing the said Company 2,400*l.* per annum as an equivalent in lieu of the duties on silks imported by them, with a letter from Mr. Blathwayt, and another from Mr. Vernon, then Secretary of State, signifying his late Majesty's approbation of the said report, which were read; and Mr. Reneu being asked what would be a sufficient encouragement to enable the said Company to carry on their trade, he said that, the 2,400*l.* per annum having been granted the Company for seven years, and the Company having received it only one year, if her Majesty would be graciously pleased for six years to come to continue to allow them 2,400*l.* per annum, and to grant to the said Company her part of the seizures that shall be made on lustrings and alamodes, and the penalties on such as import them contrary to law, he beleived the Company would be thereby enabled to carry on the trade to the benefit of this kingdom, and to the particular advantage of her Majesty, in the increase of the revenues of the Customs.

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*Blackwell Hall.
Factors summon'd.*

Miscellanies.
Incident charges.

*Letter to the Lord
High Treasurer.*

Leeward Islands.
*Col. Hamilton's
commission to be
Lieutenant General.*

Trade.
*Mr. Reneu.
Ballance of the
Lustring Company's
books.
Report from the
Lords of the Treasury
about an allowance
to the Company.*

*Letters from
Mr. Blathwayt and
Mr. Vernon thereupon.*

*Encouragement pro-
posed by Mr. Reneu
for the Company.*

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*Representation on
Mr. Reneu's memorial.*

*Letter to him there-
upon.*

Mr. Reneu being withdrawn, their lordships gave directions for preparing the draught of a representation upon Mr. Reneu's memorial [*fo.* 397, 416], mentioned in the minutes of the 5th instant; and further ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Reneu to signify to him their lordships' intentions to dispatch this matter as soon as possible.

April 19. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

*Trade.
Letter from
Mr. Garret.
Blanket makers.*

A letter from Mr. Daniel Garret, of yesterday's date, to the secretary, acquainting him that Pitman is consulting some persons relating to the blanket makers' petition [*fo.* 401, 442] (mentioned in the minutes of the 6th instant), in order to give their lordships a full account of that matter, was read; whereupon ordered that the said Mr. Pittman have notice to attend the Board on Tuesday morning next.

*Leeward Islands.
Order on representa-
tion.
Pouch and Gashet.
Instructions there-
upon.*

Copy of an Order of Council, of the 30th of the last month [*fo.* 386], upon a representation of the 14th ditto, on the petition of Francis Pouch &c., touching some goods belonging to them, seized on board a flag of truce at Martinico, approving the same, and directing the Earl of Sunderland to prepare instructions for her Majesty's royal sign manual and signet, as is proposed by the said representation accordingly, was read.

*Maryland.
Order on representa-
tion upon
Sir Thomas Lawrence's
petition.
Instructions there-
upon.*

Copy of an Order of Council, of the 30th of the last month [*fo.* 386], upon a representation of the 14th ditto, on a petition of Sir Thomas Lawrence, secretary of Maryland, complaining of the hardships he has sustain'd in his office there, approving the same, and directing that such instructions as is proposed by the said representation be given to the person whom her Majesty shal next appoint Governor of that province, was read.

*Leeward Islands.
Letter from
Lieutenant Governor
of Mountserrat.
Attempt of the
French.*

A letter from Colonel Hodges, Lieutenant Governor of Mountserrat, of the 4th February last, relating to an attempt made by the French on that island, was read, and directions given for preparing an answer thereunto.

*Newfoundland.
Letter from the Mayor
of Dartmouth.
Convoys.
Letter to Mr. Burchet.
Heads of inquiry for
the Commodore.*

A letter from the Mayor of Dartmouth [*fo.* 343, 407], relating to the sailing of the convoys for Newfoundland, was read; whereupon a letter to Mr. Burchet, inclosing a copy thereof, to be laid before the Lords of the Admiralty, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

*Trade.
Capt. Baker.
Memorial of seizures
of French silks &c.*

Ordered [*fo.* 417] that heads of enquiry for the Commodore of the Newfoundland convoy, be prepar'd as usual.

*Letter to Mr. Carkess.
Queen's share of
forfeited lustrings
&c.*

Mr. Henry Baker attending [*fo.* 400], he presented to their lordships a memorial, in answer to a letter writ him the 5th instant, for an account of what seizures have been made, particularly of lustrings and alamodes, on the coasts of Kent and Sussex, since his last account deliver'd to their lordships, which was read; whereupon ordered [*fo.* 414] that a letter be writ to Mr. Carkesse, to know whether her Majesty's share of the forfeitures on the seizures of lustrings and alamodes be appropriated, and, if so, by what Act.

*Trade.
Woollen manufac-
tures in Austria.*

Their lordships, taking into consideration the memorial from the Court Chancery of Austria [*fo.* 371, 455] relating to the woollen

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manufactures at Lintz, mentioned in the minutes of the 16th February last, ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Thomas Beare, to acquaint him that if he or Mr. Harris have anything to offer on the said memorial, they would do it as soon as may be, by reason their lordships will be obliged to make their report to her Majesty out of hand.

Letter to Mr. Beare.

April 20. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

A letter from Mr. Burchet, of yesterday's date [*fo.* 406], in answer to one writ him the same day, inclosing the copy of a letter from the Mayor of Dartmouth, relating to the sailing of the convoys for Newfoundland, was read; whereupon an answer to the letter from the said Mayor of Dartmouth, transmitting a copy of the fore-mention'd letter from Mr Burchet, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

Newfoundland.

*Letter from
Mr. Burchet.
Convoys &c.*

*Letter to the Mayor
of Dartmouth.*

A letter from Colonel Dudley, Governor of the Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire, dated the 31st of January, 170⁹₁₀, relating to those provinces, was read, and the papers therein refer'd to, were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

New England.

*Letter from
Col. Dudley.*

*Papers therein
referr'd to.*

Representation from the principal merchants of the Massachusetts Bay, to Colonel Dudley, relating to the further encouragement of naval stores from New England.

List of causes and judgments in the several inferior Courts of Justice in New England in 1708 and 1709.

Account of the charge accruing to the Massachusetts Bay on the intended expedition against Canada.

Account of ordnance stores at Fort Anne at Salem, and expence of powder there, from the 24th of June, 1708, to the 24th June, 1709.

An account of powder expended at her Majesty's fort at Marble Head, from the 24th June, 1708, to the 24th June, 1709.

An account of the ordnance and stores belonging to her Majesty's fort in Marble Head, June 24th, 1709.

Account of the expence of powder at Fort William and Mary at New Castle in New Hampshire, from the 24th June, 1708, to the 24th of June, 1709.

Account of ordnance powder &c. at Fort William and Mary at New Castle in New England, taken the 24th June, 1709.

An account of the ordnance, ammunition and stores of war expended at her Majesty's Castle William at Boston, in New England, from the 24th of June, 1709.

Three proclamations, the one for a fast, the 2nd for a thanksgiving, and the 3rd about the Act for the incouragement of the trade to America.

Minutes of Council of the Massachusetts Bay from the 15th of June, to the 30th of December, 1708, inclusive.

Minutes of Council in Assembly of the Massachusetts Bay, from the 25th of May, 1709, to the 21st of September following.

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Minutes of Assembly of the Massachusetts Bay, from the 16th of February, 1708, to the 28th following.

Several Acts past at a General Assembly in May, July and October, 1709.

New Hampshire.

Representation from the principal merchants of New Hampshire to Colonel Dudley, relating to the further encouragement of naval stores from New England.

Copy of an address to her Majesty from the Governor, Council and Assembly of New Hampshire, returning their thanks for the stores of war sent them, and praying that the expedition against Canada may be revived.

Copy of an address to her Majesty from the Governor, Council and Assembly of New Hampshire, relating to Mr. Allen's title to lands &c., and to the intended expedition against Canada.

Proportion of New Hampshire and Rhode Island, for the expedition against Canada.

Proportion of ordnance carriages, powder, shott &c., to be issued for supply of New Hampshire.

Copy of Colonel Dudley's warrant to Mr. Vaughan and others, to take care of the stores of war sent by her Majesty for the province of New Hampshire.

Minutes of Council of New Hampshire, from the 3rd of June, to the 21st November, 1709.

Minutes of Council in General Assembly of New Hampshire from the 4th May to the 6th of December, 1709.

Several Acts past at an Assembly in New Hampshire in May, June, July and December, 1709.

Whereupon ordered [*fo.* 414] that paragraph B of the said letter, and what else relates to the intended expedition against Canada therein mentioned, be sent to the Earl of Sunderland, for his information, and that the 7th paragraph in the aforementioned representation from the principal merchants of the Massachusetts Bay to Colonel Dudley, relating to the prices of pitch and tar and rozin to be delivered in the river of Thames, over and above the premium, be sent to Mr. Burchet, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and such directions as they shall judge convenient to give therein.

A second letter from Colonel Dudley to the secretary, of the same date, acknowledging the receipt of several packets sent to him, to be forwarded to New York, Maryland and Virginia &c., was read.

A third letter from Colonel Dudley to the secretary, dated the 3rd of February, 170⁹/₁₀, touching the difference between Mr. Bridger and Mr. Collins's agents in relation to the said agents' cutting of masts contrary to contract, both for number and measure &c., was read; whereupon ordered that extracts of the said letter, relating to that matter, be likewise sent to Mr. Burchet for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and that Mr. Collins have notice to attend their lordships on Tuesday morning next, and that an answer to the said letters [*fo.* 424] from Colonel Dudley be prepared.

New England.

Extract about expedition against Canada sent the Earl of Sunderland.

Part of the merchants' representation about pitch and tar sent Mr. Burchet.

Second letter from Col. Dudley.

Third letter from Col. Dudley.

Difference between Mr. Bridger and Mr. Collins's agents' cutting of masts.

Extracts sent to Mr. Burchet. Mr. Collins summon'd. Answer to Col. Dudley.

A letter from Mr. Usher, Lieutenant Governor of New Hampshire, of the 8th of February, 170⁹/₁₀, relating to that province, was read; whereupon ordered that the Act therein mention'd for raising 5,000*l.* &c., be laid before their lordships for their consideration.

A letter from Colonel Jennings, President of the Council of Virginia, of the 11th of January, 170⁹/₁₀, was read; whereupon ordered that paragraph C and D, relating to the loss of her Majesty's ship the *Garland* [fo. 418], and that the *Enterprize*, ordered to attend that Colony, is not sufficient without a smaller vessell, be sent to Mr. Burchet, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

A letter from William T'Anson, who was in the service at St. John's in Newfoundland when the same was surprized by the French in 1708, was read, and the papers therein referr'd to, were laid before the Board, and are as follows:—

Narrative of William T'Anson relating to the state of Fort William at St. John's in Newfoundland, when it was surprized by the French, with the manner of its being taken.

Copy of an account deliver'd to Major Lloyd in Quebeck of several English prisoners taken by the French, and of their treatment by them and the Indians.

Which letter and papers their lordships agreed to take into further consideration at a convenient opportunity.

April 21. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

A letter to the Earl of Sunderland [fo. 411], inclosing an extract of Colonel Dudley's letter read yesterday, relating to the late intended expedition against Canada, was signed.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse, in answer to one writ him the 19th instant [fo. 407], relating to her Majesty's share of the seizures and forfeitures on the lustrings and alamodes, was read.

Two letters from Mr. Addington, secretary of the Massachusetts Bay, to the secretary of this Board, dated the 25th of January and 11th of February last, were read.

A letter from Mr. Bridger, dated in February last, relating to the waste made in her Majesty's woods in New England, was also read, and upon consideration of paragraph B of the said letter, and the charter of the Massachusetts Bay, ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Solicitor General [O. fo. 9] to desire his opinion whether by the last clause of the said charter, whereby all trees fit for masts growing upon any land not heretofore granted to any private persons are reserved to the Crown, the lands granted to towns, villages &c., are included in the exception; and further ordered [fo. 421], that paragraph H of the said letter be sent to Mr. Burchet for the information of the Lords of the Admiralty, and that in the letter to Mr. Burchet notice be taken of what is mentioned in paragraph N of the said letter, relating to Mr. Collins's contract with the Navy Board.

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New Hampshire.*Letter from Mr. Usher.**Act for raising 5,000*l.****Virginia.***Letter from**Col. Jennings.**Extract about loss
of a man-of-war &c.
sent to Mr. Burchet.***Newfoundland.***Letter from William
T'Anson with papers
from Major Lloyd.***New England.***Letter to the
Earl of Sunderland.
Extract of
Col. Dudley's letter.
Expedition against
Canada.***Trade.***Letter from
Mr. Carkesse.
Seizures of lustrings
and alamodes.***New England.***Letters from
Mr. Addington.**Letter from
Mr. Bridger.**Letter to Mr.
Solicitor General.
Clause of the
Massachusetts Charter.
Masts.**Letter to Mr. Burchet
with extract of
Mr. Bridger's.*

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Two letters from
Mr. Bridger.
Waste of woods.

Two letters from Mr. Bridger to the secretary of this Board, dated the 7th and 9th of February last, relating to the waste made in the woods in New England by Mr. Collins's agent there &c., was read, and ordered that extracts be made in order to discourse with the said Collins when he shall come to the Board.

April 25. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

Jamaica.
New seal.
Letter to the
Earl of Sunderland,
with draught of
warrant for using
the same.

Mr. Roos, her Majesty's seal cutter, having deliver'd to their lordships a new seal for the Island of Jamaica, a letter to the Earl of Sunderland, inclosing the draught of a warrant for her Majesty's signature, allowing and directing that the said seal be accordingly made use of in the said island, was signed.

Trade
to Sweden.
Letter from
Mr. Secretary Boyle.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Boyle, of the 21st instant [*fo.* 419], directing this Board to lay before her Majesty their thoughts on the present state of our trade to Sweden, was read; and directions were given for laying before their lordships all the papers in this office that any way relate to the said trade.

Lustring Company.
Representation.

Their lordships took into consideration the draught of a representation, relating to the Lustring Company [*fo.* 404, 418], mentioned in the minutes of the 17th instant, and made a progress therein; and thereupon order'd [*fo.* 420] that Mr. Reneu have notice to attend the Board on Thursday morning next.

Mr. Reneu
summond.

Newfoundland.
Representation.
Campbell.

The draught of a representation upon the petition of Mr. James Campbell [*fo.* 398, 422], relating to the losses he has sustain'd at Newfoundland, mention'd in the minutes of the 20th of the last month, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

New York.
Sachems.

Three of the Sachems lately arriv'd from New York coming to the Board, their lordships acquainted them by their interpreter Mr. Abraham Schuyler, that they were glad to see them here, and that they would be ready to give them all the assistance possible in anything that might relate to their service; whereupon the said Sachems returned their lordships thanks, and desired their protection from time to time as occasion might require.

April 26. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

Newfoundland.
Letter from
Mr. Burchet.
Heads of inquiry to
the Commodore.

A letter from Mr. Burchet, of the 24th instant [*fo.* 406], acknowledging the receipt of one to him from the secretary of this Board of the 21st ditto, with the heads of enquiry &c., signifying that the said heads of enquiry are given in charge to Captain Aldred, of the *Rochester*, Comodore of the Newfoundland convoy, was read.

Virginia.
Letter from
Mr. Burchet.
Loss of man-of-war.
Another sent.

Another letter from Mr. Burchet, of the 25th instant, in answer to one writ him the 21st ditto [*fo.* 412], relating to the loss of the *Garland* man-of-war in Virginia, signifying that the *Triton's Prize*, a sixth rate, is ordered to be forthwith fitted for a voyage to that Colony, to join the *Enterprize* cruising there, was also read.

Trade.
Draught of represen-
tation.
Lustring Company.
Mr. Chetwynd's
letter.
Trade with Savoy &c.

The draught of a representation, relating to the Lustring Company [*fo.* 416], mentioned in yesterday's minutes, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed. And their lordships, taking into consideration the extract of a letter from Mr. Chetwynd, Envoy at Turin [*fo.* 69], referr'd to this Board by the Earl of Sunderland (read the 2nd May,

1709), relating to a trade between this kingdom and the territories of the Duke of Savoy, ordered [fo. 422] that Mr. Robert Ball and any other of the Italian merchants have notice to attend the Board on Friday morning next.

Several members of the Turkey Company attending, they presented to their lordships the copy of a petition from themselves to her Majesty, setting forth that before the late war they had liberty to export great quantities of Turkey goods from England to France, which they were not allow'd to do during the last peace, and praying that in the treaty of peace now on foot such provisions may be made as may restore so beneficial a trade to this kingdom, which petition was read; and they were acquainted that in the project of a treaty of commerce with France, provision was made that the trade from this kingdom to France should be upon the same foot as in 1664. However, if her Majesty should be pleased to refer the said petition to the consideration of this Board, they would give them all the assistance possible in this matter.

Their lordships taking into consideration Mr. Secretary Boyle's letter of the 21st instant [fo. 416, 422], mentioned in the minutes of the 25th ditto, touching the present state of our trade with Sweden, and having read several papers in this office relating thereto, ordered [fo. 444] that a letter be writ to Mr. Carkesse to move the honorable the Commissioners of her Majesty's Customs, that this Board may have an account of the imports and exports to and from Sweden for 3 years last past. Their lordships further agreed to proceed in the consideration of the remaining papers in this office to-morrow.

April 27. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

Mr. Renue attending [fo. 416, 424], the draught of the representation relating to the Lustring Company, mentioned in yesterday's minutes, was communicated to him; whereupon he thank'd their lordships, and said that with the encouragements therein proposed the Company would be able to subsist and carry on the trade to Turin, to the advantage of this kingdom.

An Order of Council of the 20th of April, 1710 [fo. 425], on a report from the Earl of Wharton, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, to her Majesty on a proposal of Mr. Kemeys for the building a fort in the river of Kilmare, on the south-west coast of that kingdom, was read, and the said Kemeys attending at the same time, communicated to their lordships his proposal for building the said fort, with the copy of his memorial to her Majesty thereupon, as also two certificates, one from the merchants of London, the other from the merchants of Dublin, importing the advantage such a fort will be for the security and encouragement of trade &c.; which order and papers their lordships agreed to take into further consideration on Monday morning next.

Mr. Collins attending [fo. 415], paragraph H of Mr. Bridger's letter of — February last, mentioned in the minutes of the 21st instant, relating to the waste made in her Majesty's woods &c. in New England, was read, whereupon the said Collins acquainted

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*Italian merchants
summon'd.*

*Turkey Company.
Copy of their petition
about trade with
France.*

*Trade
with Sweden.*

*Letter to Mr. Carkess
for accounts of imports
and exports.*

*Trade.
Mr. Renue.
Representation about
the Lustring
Company.*

*Ireland.
Order of Council.
Earl of Wharton's
report about
a fort on the River
Kilmare.
Mr. Kemeys's pro-
posals for building
the same.
Papers relating
thereto.*

*New England.
Mr. Collins about
waste of woods &c.*

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*Extract of
Mr. Bridger's letter
given him for
answer.*

Newfoundland.
*Letter from
Mr. Campbell.
Draught of report
about his losses to be
perused by him.*

**Trade
to Sweden.**

their lordships that Mr. Bridger's new complaint was groundless, for that he had not cut any masts since the time he was last at this Board, upon a former complaint made against the agent there by the said Bridger; that as to the 2 old masts then said to be cut out of contract, he would produce to their lordships a certificate from the Commissioners of the Navy Board that he deliver'd the same here according to their directions. He then desired that their lordships would please to let him have a copy of the afore-mention'd paragraph H, to which he would make answer, and lay the same before their lordships in writing.

A letter from Mr. James Campbell, of this day's date, to the secretary of this Board [fo. 417, 458], desiring that he might have the perusal of the draught of the representation on his petition relating to the losses he has sustain'd in Newfoundland, mentioned in the minutes of the 25th instant, was read; whereupon ordered that he have the perusal of the said representation, and that he be acquainted, if he have any observations to make thereon, that he do the same in writing.

Then the Board proceeded further [fo. 419, 424], in the consideration of the trade to Sweden.

April 28. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

Trade.
*Italian merchants.
Extract of Mr.
Chetwynd's letter.
Trade with the
territories of the
Duke of Savoy.*

Mr. Ball and other Italian merchants attending [fo. 418], the Earl of Sunderland's letter of the 21st of April, 1709, with the extract of Mr. Chetwynd's letter, relating to trade between this kingdom and the Duke of Savoy's territories, were read; and these gentlemen being asked whether they were willing to undertake the opening and carrying on of that trade, they said that the trade was already begun by the Lustring Company, and that they were the most proper persons for carrying of it on. Then being asked some questions in relation to the properest ports for that trade, they said that at present Genoa or Leghorn were the most commodious. But if the Duke of Savoy could get Savona to be made a free port, that would soon become a place of great trade, having a better harbour than Genoa, and for that reason they believ'd the Genoese would never consent to it, for that it would ruin their own city; as to Villa Franca, they said that could be of no use in this proposed trade, for that there was no passage from thence for goods to Turin: these gentlemen being withdrawn, their lordships resolv'd to take into consideration Mr. Chetwynd's fore-mention'd letter, as also the treaty of commerce between King Charles the Second and the Duke of Savoy, concluded in September, 1669.

May 1. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

New England.
*Letter to
Col. Dudley.*

The draught of a letter to Colonel Dudley, Governor of New England [fo. 412, 426], as directed the 20th of the last month, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

Trade.
*Representation.
Lustring Company.
Letter to
Earl of Sunderland.*

A representation relating to the present state and condition of the Lustring Company [fo. 420], agreed in the minutes of the 27th of the last month, together with a letter to the Earl of Sunderland, inclosing the same, were signed.

Their lordships made a further progress in the consideration of the papers in this office [fo. 422, 428], relating to the trade with Sweden, and order'd that the Eastland Company have notice to attend the Board on Thursday morning next.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Boyle, of the 28th of the last month [fo. 425, 427], referring to this Board the translation of the King of Denmark's orders and regulations concerning privateers &c., as also some papers from Mr. Wych [fo. 439], relating to the grievances our herring trade lyes under at Hambrough, was read; and the papers referr'd to therein are as follows, vizt.:

Extracts of a letter from Mr. Wych to Mr. Secretary Boyle, relating to the grievances of the British subjects importing herrings at Hamburgh.

The herring merchants' request to the Senate at Hamburgh.

Copy of Mr. Wych's memorial to the Senate of Hamburgh, relating to the grievances of the British subjects importing herrings there.

May 2. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

The Order in Council of the 20th of April, 1710 [fo. 420, 427], on a proposal from Mr. Kemeys for the building a fort in the river of Kilmare on the south-west coast of Ireland, together with all the papers relating thereto, mentioned in the minutes of the 27th of the last month, were again read, and directions given for preparing the draught of a representation thereupon.

The letter from Mr. Secretary Boyle [fo. 424, 429], relating to the King of Denmark's orders and regulations concerning privateers &c., mentioned in yesterday's minutes, was again read, as also the papers therein referr'd to, whereupon ordered [*vide infra*] that a copy of the said regulations be sent to Sir Charles Hedges, and that he be desired to inform their lordships how far these instructions may be agreeable to the treaties now subsisting between the two Crowns, and how far the methods of proceeding in the Admiralty Courts there may be injurious to our merchants. Their lordships at the same time agreed to speak to the Eastland Company, when they shall attend the Board on Thursday next, touching that part of Mr. Secretary Boyle's letter, relating to grievances our herring trade lyes under at Hamburg.

A letter to Colonel Dudley, Governor of the Massachusetts Bay [fo. 424], agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

May 4. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

The draught of a letter to Sir Charles Hedges [*vide supra*, fo. 443], inclosing a copy of the King of Denmark's orders and regulations, relating to privateers, as directed at the last meeting, was agreed and order'd to be sent.

Their lordships taking into consideration the 5th article of the aforesaid regulations, whereby all sorts of corn, ground and unground, bread, salt and tobacco in neutral ships, are declared

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*Eastland Company
summond.*

*Letter from
Mr. Secretary Boyle.
Translation of King of
Denmark's orders to
privateers &c.
Herring trade at
Hamburgh.*

Ireland.

*Mr. Kemy's proposal
about a fort in the
River Kilmare.*

*Draught of representa-
tion.*

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*Letter from
Mr. Secretary Boyle.
King of Denmark's
orders about
privateers.
Letter to Sir Charles
Hedges.*

*Herring trade at
Hamburgh.*

New England.

*Letter to
Col. Dudley.*

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*Letter to Sir Charles
Hedges.
King of Denmark's
orders about
privateers.*

*Goods thereby
declared contraband.*

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Letter to
Mr. Secretary Boyle.

Ireland.

Kemy's proposal.
Fort on Kilmare.
Representation.

Jamaica.

Letter from
Brigadier Handasyd.

Papers therein
referr'd to.

Extract about condi-
tion of men-of-war
sent to Mr. Burchet.

Merchants summon'd.

Duties on prize
goods.
Letter to Mr. Carkess
about duties collected
at Jamaica by Act of
Parliament here.

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Eastland merchants.
Trade to Sweden.

King of Denmark's
orders about
privateers.

to be contraband, a letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle [fo. 424] with the Board's observations thereupon, was signed.

A representation on Mr. Kemy's proposal for building a fort in the river of Kilmare in Ireland [fo. 425], mentioned in the minutes of the 2nd instant, was signed.

A letter from Brigadier Handasyd, Governor of Jamaica, dated the 25th March, 1710 [O. fo. 23], was read, and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

Accounts of the duties demanded on prize goods in Jamaica.

Copy of an address from the Governor, Council and Assembly of Jamaica to her Majesty [fo. 442], praying to be exempted from the payment of the duties on prize goods, directed by the Act of Parliament for encouraging the trade to America.

Whereupon ordered that paragraph C and F of the said letter, relating to the said condition her Majesty's men-of-war there are in, and to two French men-of-war being in those parts, be sent to Mr. Burchet for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty; further ordered [fo. 430] that Sir Gilbert Heathcote, Colonel Lloyd, and Colonel Long, have notice to attend the Board to-morrow morning, in relation to what he writes in the said letter about the high duties paid on prizes at Jamaica, and that a letter be writ to Mr. Carkesse [fo. 435], to know how the duties collected in that island, by virtue of the Act for the encouragement of the trade to America, are accounted for here, and how the same are apply'd, and whether those duties were payable there before the passing the said Act.

May 5. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

Mr. Wordsworth and several Eastland merchants attending as they had been desired [fo. 424, 430], Mr. Secretary Boyle's letter of the 21st of April last, mentioned in the minutes of the 25th of the same month, was read. And these gentlemen being asked whether the King of Sweden's edict of 1695, whereby all strangers were forbid staying longer than four months in a year in Sweden, was still in force, they said that it was, but had not of late been put in execution; however, while it remain'd unrepealed, they might be subject to it at any time whenever that Court should think fit to revive it. Being asked if there had been any new duties laid in Sweden upon foreign ships or goods since 1697, they said they had heard of none, and as to the duties payable there by free ships, half free ships, and foreign ships, they said they remain as they were formerly. Then the account of the grievances in Sweden, complained of in 1698 (entred in *Trade A*, folio 37), being read, these gentlemen said the same are still continued, but not in that part of the Swedish dominions that lyes in Germany. They added that if their lordships would consult the Swedish merchants, they would be able to give more particular information, and Mr. Wordsworth promised to give notice to some of them to attend the Board on Tuesday next.

Their lordships then communicated to these gentlemen [fo. 425, 438], the King of Denmark's orders and regulations relating to

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privateers, mentioned in yesterday's minutes ; whereupon they said [fo. 441] they had received a copy thereof from their factors, and would lay before their lordships on Thursday next, their observation thereupon.

Ordered that Dr. Robinson and Mr. Jackson be desired to come to the Board [fo. 428, 431], that their lordships may discourse with them, in relation to the trade to Sweden, on Tuesday next in the morning.

Sir Gilbert Heathcote, Colonel Lloyd, Colonel Long, Mr. Harris and others concern'd in Jamaica, attending, as they had been desired [fo. 428], the address from the Governor, Council and Assembly of that island, in relation to the hardships their privateers lye under, by reason of the duties demanded there upon prizes (mentioned in yesterday's minutes), was communicated to them ; whereupon they said that some while ago they had presented to her Majesty a petition from the merchants and planters here, as also another from the masters, owners of ships and merchants there, both which were referr'd to the Lord Treasurer, that Colonel Beckford's demanding the whole duty, under colour of the British Act for encouraging the trade to America, was what had intirely put a stop to their privateers, and had drove away their seamen, insomuch that of 3,000 register'd seamen that were there the last year, there was not now so many as would man two sloops ; that if Colonel Beckford demanded no more duties by virtue of the British Act, than so much as would remain after the allowance of drawbacks upon the exportation of the same goods here, and which is plainly intended by the preamble of the said British Act, it would in a great measure relieve them, though not wholly, for that French wines and brandy have no drawbacks on their re-exportation here. However, as they beleived that the duties demanded by virtue of the British Act were not appropriated for any funds, her Majesty might remit the same, if she thought fit ; they added that they did not complain of the duties laid by the Act of that island, they being, as they beleived, the same as formerly.

These gentlemen being withdrawn, ordered that the secretary compare the Jamaica Act with those of former years, to see whether there be any difference in the said duties.

May 9. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

Mr. Jackson, her Majesty's Commissary at Sweden, attending [fo. 430, 436], as he had been desired the 5th instant, the purport of Mr. Boyle's letter of the 21st past, relating to the state of our trade with Sweden, was communicated to him, and the grievances of the English merchants in Sweden complained of in the year 1698 (entred in *Trade A*, fo. 37), were read ; whereupon he said that the execution of the edict of 1695, forbidding foreigners to stay in Sweden longer than 4 months in a year was suspended, and, in all probability, would not be revived during the war.

As to the 1st article of the said grievances, relating to foreigners demanding their debts at fairs, he said that was in pursuance of the laws and constitution of Sweden, and what all other foreigners,

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*Dr. Robinson and
Mr. Jackson.
Trade with Sweden.*

Jamaica.

*Merchants.
Address about hardships on privateers
by duties
demanded for prize
goods.*

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*with Sweden.
Mr. Jackson
Commissary there.
Grievances complain'd
of by merchants.*

*His observations on
the several articles.*

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as well as her Majesty's subjects, are liable to, and as he thought no great hardship in it.

As to the 2nd article, relating to British merchants not being allow'd to rent houses, he said that there were some charges payable by those that rent houses to the poor &c. which was the main reason why the British merchants are generally in lodgings, but that if they should keep houses, the charges would be less upon them than upon the natural born Swedes, and therefore he did not think there was any reason of complaint in that article.

As to the 3rd article, relating to the laying up salt, and putting up their goods in the city warehouses, he said that was a real grievance, but has not been put in execution during the war in the North.

As to the 4th article, relating to the British merchants paying duty for goods not landed or sold in Sweden, he said that when goods were once landed there, there is no drawback upon their exportation, but if masters of ships in their entries do reserve such and such goods to be carry'd elsewhere, no duties will be demanded for such goods.

As to the 5th article, relating to British merchants marrying in Sweden being obliged to swear allegiance, he said he knew nothing of it.

As to the sixth article, relating to the demand of one-third of the estates of British merchants that dye there, he said it was true in fact, and that some British merchants have been rigorously treated on that account, and that it is contrary to the treaty between this kingdom and Sweden; however all other foreigners inhabiting there were lyable to the same.

As to the 7th article, relating to British merchants not being permitted to receive goods at Revell, he knew nothing of it.

As to the 8th article, relating to British merchants selling to burghers only, he said that was pursuant to the laws and constitutions of that kingdom.

As to the 9th article, relating to the time limitted at Riga for selling salt, he knew nothing of it.

As to the 10th, relating to the British merchants not being suffer'd to go up into the country, he said they were not indeed suffer'd to go and trade in the country, but they might have a pass to travel from one place to another.

As to the 11th article, relating to the towns' dues, he said he was not particularly acquainted with that, but the Customs were settled and the towns' dues bear a proportion to the Customs; at Stockholm it is $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

As to the 12th article, relating to our woollen manufactures being rated one-third more than those of other nations, he said that all woollen cloths pay about 2s. and 3d. or 2s. and 6d. a yard indifferently, so that our coarse cloths of about 2s. a yard pay as much as the finer cloth imported by the Hollanders of 12 or 15 shillings a yard, which great disproportion has intirely lost the trade for our Northern woollen manufactures.

As to the 13th article, relating to the British subjects being denied the publick exercise of their religion, he said it was true.

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As to the 14th article, he said that at present we have a publick burying place in one of the Swedish Churches at Stockholm.

He added that he did not know of any duties laid upon our trade since the year 1697. That iron ship'd on British bottoms pays in Sweden 10s. per tun, and it pays the same here, when imported in Swedish ships.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse, of the 6th instant [*fo.* 428], in answer to one writ him the 5th, relating to the duties payable on prize goods in the plantations, was read, as were also the following papers therein referr'd to, vizt. :

Copy of the Solicitor General's opinion about the duty on prize goods in the plantations.

Copy of a presentment to the Lord High Treasurer, with his order thereupon, relating to the duties on prize goods in the plantations.

Copy of a letter from the Commissioners of the Customes to the officers in the plantations about the duty on prize goods there.

A scheme of the duties payable on prize goods in the plantations.

Ordered [*fo.* 438] that the secretary go to-morrow morning to Mr. Carkesse, to desire an explanation to some particulars in the last above mentioned paper.

Sir William Benson, Sir Ambrose Crawley, Mr. Wordsworth, and several other Swedish merchants attending [*fo.* 431, 456], Mr. Boyle's fore-mentioned letter was read, as were also the fore-mentioned articles of grievances.

As to the edict forbidding foreigners to stay in Sweden, they said the same as Mr. Jackson had done.

As to the 1st and 2nd articles, they said also the same as Mr. Jackson, and added that they did not look upon either of them as a grievance.

The 3rd article they said was true, and a great hardship upon them.

In the 4th article, they agreed with Mr. Jackson, but added that if they did make their entries as Mr. Jackson had mentioned, yet their goods must be re-exported in the same ship that brought them, and if they were once landed, they must pay the custom.

They thought the 5th article no grievance.

The 6th article, they said, was true, and was common to all other foreigners.

The 7th article was formerly as it is set forth, but how it is now they could not tell.

The 8th and 9th articles are still put in execution.

The 10th article is a hardship upon them, for the passes may sometimes be granted, they have been often refused, whereby they have been prevented going to the iron works, to see that the iron they bespeak, be of the goodness and dimension they have agreed for, which has oftentimes proved a great prejudice to them.

They thought there was no great reason of complaint in the 11th article.

Jamaica.
Plantations General.
Letter from Mr. Carkesse. Duties on prize goods. Papers relating thereto.

Letter to Mr. Carkesse. Explanation of foregoing scheme.

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Swedish merchants about their grievances.

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The 12th article they said was true, and agreed with what Mr. Jackson had said thereupon, and that these high duties were laid in favour of the Swedish woollen manufactures, which were formerly made of wooll they receive from Scotland; that they don't know of any that has been carried there since the Union of the two kingdoms, only some from Holland.

The 13th article they said was true, and the 14th they agreed with Mr. Jackson.

Trade.
*King of Denmark's
regulations about
privateers.
Merchants' opinion
thereupon.*

Then their lordships communicated to those gentlemen the King of Denmark's orders and regulations relating to privateers [fo. 429, 442]; whereupon they said that there were several things in those regulations prejudicial to the British merchants, particularly that article relating to counterband goods, that relating to ships having certificates of what they intend to load back, and that requiring ships to carry their original bills of sale, which were not proper to be trusted at sea; upon which, as also upon their grievances in Sweden, they promised to lay before their lordships their thoughts in writing.

May 11. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

Jamaica.
*Duties demanded on
prize goods.*

The secretary acquainted their lordships that he had been yesterday with Mr. Carkesse [fo. 436], as he had been directed, and that Mr. Carkesse, upon examining several of the articles in the account of duties demanded at Jamaica upon prize goods, by virtue of the Act of the 6th of her Majesty for encouraging trade to America, found that Colonel Beckford, the collector of those duties, had demanded no more than what were payable upon prize goods imported into this kingdom and exported again.

Barbadoes.
*Order of Council on
petition of Mr. Cowley
about settlement of
Tobago.*

An Order of Council, of the 20th of April last, referring to the Board a petition from Captain Edward Cowley [fo. 447], relating to the settlement of the Island of Tobago, was read, and Mr. Cowley attending, he was desired to bring their lordships what proofs he had for the allegations in his petition relating to the said island, which he promised to do accordingly.

Trade.
*Mr. Stratford about
the herring trade at
Hamburgh.*

Mr. Stratford attending, Mr. Secretary Boyles's letter of the 28th of April last [fo. 424, 441] (mentioned in the minutes of the first instant), with the papers therein referr'd to, relating to the hardships our herring trade lies under at Hamburgh, were read; whereupon Mr. Stratford explained the matter as follows:—

That there is at Hamburgh a Company of Fishmongers, called the Schonen Fakrers, who have been settled there with privileges about 200 years; that neither the British merchants nor others are permitted to send their herrings imported into Hamburgh, up into Germany, where they might find advantageous markets, but are obliged to sell them to the said Company only, who by consequence buy at their own price; that if her Majesty's Minister there could prevail with the Senate, that the British merchants might send into Germany by the way of Hamburgh such quantities of herrings as they should see convenient, it would be of considerable advantage to our Northern fishery.

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Another grievance in that trade is, that after the herrings are sold to the said Company, and the price agreed for, and the herrings in the hands of the buyers, they have men there called Wrakers or Examiners of the goodness of the herrings, appointed by the said Company, to view and examine the said herrings so bought; these Wrakers, depending upon the said Company, do upon their view return the herrings sometimes a quarter, sometimes half or two-thirds faulty, so that when the seller comes to receive his money, there are always considerable abatements made; and therefore he proposed as a remedy that the Senate might nominate and appoint indifferent persons, independant on the said Company, to be Wrakers for the future. He added that this was a proper time to endeavour the redressing of these grievances, for that there is now an Imperial Commission consisting of Ministers of the several German Princes, as the King of Prussia, the Elector of Hannover &c., now sitting at Hamburgh, who have power to alter and regulate things of this nature, whereas the Senate cannot make any alteration in the ancient privileges of the City of Hamburgh, or of any of the Companies there.

After which the secretary was directed to prepare the draught of a letter to Mr. Boyle thereupon.

*Letter to
Mr. Secretary Boyle.*

May 12. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

A letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle [*fo.* 439] relating to the grievances our herring trade lies under at Hamburgh, directed yesterday, was signed.

*Trade.
Letter to
Mr. Secretary Boyle.
Herring trade at
Hamburgh.*

A memorial from the Governor and Company of Eastland Merchants [*fo.* 430], relating to the orders and regulations of his Danish Majesty concerning privateers, was read.

*Memorial from
Eastland merchants.
King of Denmark's
orders about
privateers.*

Their lordships taking into consideration [*fo.* 427] the address from the Governor, Council and Assembly of Jamaica to her Majesty, praying to be exempted from the payment of the duties on prize goods, directed by the Act of Parliament for encouraging the trade to America, mentioned in the minutes of the 4th instant; ordered [*fo.* 444] that the draught of a letter to the Earl of Sunderland be prepared thereupon.

*Jamaica.
Address about duties
on prize goods.*

Ordered that letters be writ to Sir William Benson and Sir Ambrose Crowley, to desire that they will let their lordships have on Tuesday morning next theirs and the Swedish merchants' observations on our grievances in Sweden [*fo.* 438, 447], as also what they may have to offer on the above mentioned orders and regulations of the King of Denmark touching privateers.

*Letter to the
Earl of Sunderland.*

Further ordered that Mr. Pitman and Mr. Reason, Blackwell Hall factors [*fo.* 405, 444], have notice to attend the Board on Tuesday morning next, in relation to the petition of the blanket weavers at Witney.

*Trade.
Letter to Sir William
Benson and
Sir Ambrose Crowley.
Trade to Sweden.
Danish privateers.*

*Blackwell Hall.
Factors summond.
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at Witney.*

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May 16. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

Trade.
Letter from
Sir Charles Hedges.
King of Denmark's
regulation of
privateers.

A letter from Sir Charles Hedges, of the 11th instant [*fo.* 426], in answer to one writ him the 4th ditto, relating to the King of Denmark's orders and regulations concerning privateers &c., was read.

Newfoundland.
Letter from
merchants at Bristol.
Security of New-
foundland on a peace.
Letter to the
Earl of Sunderland.

A letter from the merchants at Bristol [*fo.* 446], relating to the securing of Newfoundland to her Majesty, in case of a treaty of peace with France, was read; and directions given for preparing the draught of a letter to the Earl of Sunderland thereupon.

Trade.
Letter from
Mr. Secretary Boyle.
Petition of clothiers
in Yorkshire.
Attorney General's
opinion.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Boyle, of the 10th instant [*fo.* 449], referring to their lordships a petition to her Majesty from the clothiers and buyers of wooll and others in the county of York, together with Mr. Attorney General's report thereupon, was read; whereupon ordered that enquiry be made, who is solicitor in this affair, to the end he may have notice to attend the Board.

Jamaica.
Letter to the
Earl of Sunderland.
Address about duties
on prize goods.

A letter to the Earl of Sunderland upon an address from the Governor, Council and Assembly of Jamaica to her Majesty [*fo.* 442], complaining of the great hardships that island lies under, by reason of the duties demanded there on prize goods &c., was signed.

Virginia.
Letter to
Col. Spotswood.

A letter to Colonel Spotswood, Governor of Virginia [*fo.* 447], was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Trade.
Letter from
Mr. Carkesse.
Imports and exports
from and to Sweden.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse, of the — instant [*fo.* 419], inclosing an account of imports and exports to and from Sweden for three years last past, was read.

Blackwell Hall
factor.
Blanket weavers
at Witney.

A factor of Blackwell Hall attending [*fo.* 442, 446], as he had been desired, in relation to the petition of the blanket weavers of Witney, the said petition was read; whereupon he said that 'tis true the blankets are not now made up according to the ancient size and weight; that the said weavers, in order to undersell one another, make their said blankets of undue sizes, and that that trade is almost lost; that he and several others had endeavoured to bring the said weavers to an agreement to make their blankets all of the same size, but that they could never effect it; that if the blankets were made up to the ancient size, it would certainly be an advantage by a greater consumption of wooll; that the chief consumption of blankets is at home, and in the plantations, there being but about 200 pair a year exported into other countries in Europe; that if the weavers were incorporated into a Company, they might regulate and ascertain the size and weight of blankets; but whether that would be for the advantage of the Company, he could not tell; for there being no other place in this kingdom where blankets are made to that perfection, which he supposed was caused by the water, they might then monopolize that trade, and keep up the price of their blankets so high, that it would put people upon finding out some other manufacture to serve in lieu thereof; as it happen'd some years ago at Kedermister, where a manufacture of stuffs was set up, and an Act of Parliament past to oblige the

manufacturers there to a certain size and goodness; this made the manufacturers sell their stuffs at a very high price, which occasion'd the setting up at Kendall in Westmorland a new manufacture, which was used in lieu of the Kedermister stuffs; which manufacture at Kendall in about 20 years' time entirely beat out that at Kedermister, and the trade there is wholly lost.

May 17. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

Their lordships, taking into consideration what had been said yesterday [*fo.* 444, 449], touching the blanket weavers' desire of being incorporated into a Company, gave directions for preparing the draught of a letter to the Earl of Sunderland thereupon.

A letter to the Earl of Sunderland [*fo.* 443, 458], relating to the securing of Newfoundland to the Crown of Great Britain, by the next treaty of peace with France, directed yesterday, was signed.

An Order of Council, of the 30th of March, 1710, referring to the Board a petition from Mr. Skene, secretary of Barbadoes, complaining of Mr. Crow, Governor of that island, for refusing to obey her Majesty's order, directing him to restore the petitioner to the full enjoyment of his patent &c., was read; as also the extract of two letters from the said Skene to Mr. Rowland Tryon, dated the 19th of June and 29th of November, 1709, relating thereunto; whereupon their lordships agreed to represent the same to her Majesty, and to propose that a clause be added to the instructions to be given the next Governor, requiring him to restore the said Skene to the full and free exercise of his office of secretary in all the branches thereof.

A letter to Colonel Spotswood, Governor of Virginia [*fo.* 444], agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

Order'd that letters be writ to Sir William Benson and Sir Ambrose Crowley [*fo.* 442, 450], to acquaint them that their lordships are obliged to speed their report to her Majesty, upon the King of Denmark's orders and regulations touching privateers to-morrow, and that, if they have anything to offer thereupon, they do the same in writing to-morrow morning at farthest.

Captain Cowley attending in relation to his petition, mentioned in the minutes of the 11th instant [*fo.* 439, 455], praying a recompence for his charge and trouble about carrying on a settlement on the island of Tobago, he laid before their lordships several papers as proofs to the allegations set forth in his said petition, which papers are as follows, vizt.:

Commission from Nicholas Dupin, Thomas Puckle, Richard Goddard and Joseph Blake, of London, merchants (pursuant to a power from the Baron de Blomberg in behalf of the Duke of Courland), appointing Edward Cowley, esquire, first Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Tobago &c. for life, and to take possession of the island in the name of the Duke, and display his standard &c., to grant commissions to issue out warrants in his Highness's name for calling an Assembly. Dated 15th May, 1699.

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Trade.

*Blanket-weavers
at Witney.
Letter to the
Earl of Sunderland.*

Newfoundland.

*Letter to the
Earl of Sunderland.
Security of it to
Great Britain at
a peace.*

Barbadoes.

*Order of Council.
Petition of Mr. Skene
against Mr. Crow.*

*Extract of letters
relating thereto.*

*Representation to be
made thereupon.*

Virginia.

*Letter to
Col. Spotswood.*

Trade.

*Letters to Sir William
Benson and
Sir Ambrose Crowley.
King of Denmark's
orders about
privateers.*

Barbadoes.

*Capt. Cowley about
charge in undertaking
to settle Tobago.*

*Papers in proof of
his allegations.*

1710.

Commission from Edward Cowley, esquire, to Mr. William Horniblow, constituting him secretary of Tobago, during the said Cowley's life. Dated the 2nd of January, 1699.

Commission from Edward Cowley, esquire, Governor of Tobago, appointing Eliachim Studholm, esquire, Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of Militia, to be commanded by the said Cowley in that island. Dated the 25th of August, 1699.

Letter from the Lord Lexington to Mr. Cowley, recommending Mr. Francis to serve in the regiment raising by him for Tobago.

Letter from the Marquis of Carmarthen to Mr. Cowley, recommending Lieutenant Richard Thomas to be a major under him at the Island of Tobago. Dated the 8th of September, 1699.

List of commissions given by Mr. Cowley, Governor of Tobago. Certificate of Charles Mason, that Captain Edward Cowley attended his late Majesty in Holland, in order to receive his said Majesty's commands in relation to the settlement of Tobago, was encouraged to that undertaking by the late Earl of Macclesfield, and was at considerable expence in his attendance there.

May 18. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

Trade.
*Letter to the
Earl of Sunderland.
Blanket weavers
at Witney.*

The draught of a letter to the Earl of Sunderland [*fo.* 446, 452], upon the petition of the blanket weavers of Witney, as directed at the last meeting, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

*Clothiers of
Yorkshire &c.*

William Ingram attending [*fo.* 443], in behalf of the clothiers and buyers of wooll in Yorkshire, their petition, mentioned in the minutes of the 16th instant, was read; whereupon being asked several questions, he said that in most of the Northern Counties, as Yorkshire, Westmorland, Cumberland and Darbyshire &c., there never were any sworn winders of wooll, which is the reason that there is great abuses committed; that he himself has often found stones and dirt in the middle of the fleeces; that, if there were sworn winders in those countries, it would in a great measure prevent the said abuses; that the said winders are to be sworn here at London, before the Company of Wooll Staplers; that after the said winders are sworn, they have a licence granted to them from the said Company, which costs them forty shillings; that the pay of the said winders is with victuals 4*d.* a score fleeces and 6*d.* a score without; and being desired he promised to bring to the Board on Tuesday next some members of the said Company, with their charter [*fo.* 453], as also some of the Yorkshire clothiers, who would be better able to explain all that their lordships might have occasion to enquire into; and he was further desired to bring a copy of the proclamation of King James the First for enforcing the statutes relating to the winding of wooll, which he promised to do accordingly.

Their lordships then took into consideration the orders and regulations of the King of Denmark [fo. 447, 451], relating to privateers, and made some progress therein.

1710.
*Regulation of
Danish privateers.*

May 19. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

Their lordships took into further consideration the orders and regulations of the King of Denmark [fo. 450], relating to privateers, mentioned in yesterday's minutes, as also the letter from Sir Charles Hedges, and the memorial from the Eastland Company relating thereunto, and made several observations on the said regulations, and gave directions [fo. 454] for preparing the draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle thereupon.

Trade.
*Regulation of
Danish privateers.*

*Letter to
Mr. Secretary Boyle.*

May 23. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Baillie.

A new commission under the Great Seal of this kingdom, dated the 12th instant, appointing Mr. Baillie one of her Majesty's Commissioners of Trade and Plantations, was read, and he took his place at the Board accordingly.

Miscellanies.
*New commission.
Mr. Baillie.*

Mr. Hall attending in behalf of the blanket weavers of Witney [fo. 449] and being asked several questions in relation to their petition, he said that, as to the annual charge that would necessarily arise from the establishing of a company, it would be very inconsiderable, he thought not above 5*l.* a year, for that there would be no salaries to pay out of it to officers, except to himself as clerk of the Company, and that would be but 3*l.* a year; that they had computed that 16*d.* or 2*s.* a year from each member of the said Company would sufficiently defray the whole expence, which would not raise the price of the blankets above one halfpenny a pair; that they desired their patent might extend 15 miles up and 15 miles down the river, and to all the rivulets that fall into it within that distance. Then being asked whether an Act of Parliament, regulating the length, breadth and weight of the blankets, under penalties, might not answer the ends they proposed, he said that he apprehended those penalties might encourage informers, and occasion a great deal of charge and trouble; whereas, if they were incorporated into a Company, they could make by-laws of their own, and would see to the due observation thereof; and he promised to bring to their lordships on Thursday next [fo. 456] a memorial in writing upon these heads.

Trade.
*Blanket weavers
at Witney.*

William Ingram, with several of the members of the wooll staple Company attending [fo. 450], they communicated to their lordships a copy of the patent from King Charles the 2nd, dated the 29th of July in the first year of his reign, establishing them a Company, as also a proclamation by the said King, dated the 5th of February, 1663, against the deceitfull winding and folding of wooll; and they further laid before their lordships the draughts of a proclamation approved by Mr. Attorney General to the same purpose. The first of which proclamation was read; and these gentlemen being asked several questions, they said that there were great abuses committed in the winding of wooll, which cou'd only be

*Yorkshire clothiers.
Wooll stapler's
patent.*

*Proclamations about
winding wooll &c.*

1710.

remedied by sworn winders; that the said winders must come hither to be sworn before the Mayor of the Company, after which they received a licence from the said Mayor, the charges whereof, and of their swearing, comes to about 30 shillings; that the Company do regulate the rates at which those winders are to work for, and would make a by-law to prevent exacting. They added that it would be much more convenient if their Mayor had a power to depute some person to administer the oath to the said winders, for that the Mayor might be out of town, when those people came up to be sworn, and they desired that her Majesty's proclamation might be general to all the counties in this kingdom. These gentlemen being withdrawn, their lordships resolved [*fo.* 455] to take this matter into further consideration at a convenient opportunity.

Trade.
Letter to
Mr. Secretary Boyle.
King of Denmark's
regulations about
privateers.

A letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle, inclosing their lordships' observations upon the King of Denmark's orders and regulations [*fo.* 455], relating to privateers, was signed.

Massachusetts Bay.
Act about a spurious
and mixt issue.

May 24. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Baillie.

Their lordships took into consideration an Act past in the Massachusetts Bay in October, 1705, entituled *An Act for the better preventing a spurious and mixt issue*, mentioned in Colonel Dudley's letter of the 31st of January last, and read the 20th of April last, and agreed to let the said Act remain as probationary for some time longer.

Trade.
Woollen manufactures
in Austria &c.

Their lordships taking into consideration a proposal of the Private Court Chancery of Austria, to the Royal Court Chancery of Bohemia [*fo.* 407; O. *fo.* 7], relating to the importation of the English woollen manufactures into those countries, mention'd in the minutes of the 19th of the last month, ordered that letters be writ to Mr. Beare and Mr. Harris, to remind them of the letters formerly writ to them on that subject.

Letters to Mr. Beare
and Mr. Harris.

May 25. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Baillie.

Trade.
Yorkshire clothiers'
petition.

Their lordships, taking into consideration Mr. Secretary Boyle's letter of the 10th instant [*fo.* 454; O. *fo.* 1], referring to this Board a petition to her Majesty from the clothiers and buyers of wooll and others in the county of York &c.; mention'd in the minutes of the 23rd instant, ordered that the draught of a representation be prepared thereupon.

Draught of representa-
tion thereupon.

Barbadoes.
Book from
Capt. Cowley about
settlement of
Tobago.
Affidavit thereupon.

The secretary laid before their lordships a book brought to him by Captain Cowley [*fo.* 447; O. *fo.* 8], wherein the names of divers persons are enter'd, who were to have gone with the said Captain to Tobago, to make a settlement there, as also an affidavit of Joseph Blake, setting forth that part of the said book was the handwriting of the said deponent &c., and that, since the writing thereof, no additions had been made thereto; which affidavit was read, and directions given for preparing the draught of a report on the petition of the said Cowley, mentioned in the minutes of the 17th instant.

Draught of report on
Capt. Cowley's
petition.

Their lordships took into consideration the draught of a representation [*fo.* 436; *O. fo.* 2] touching the grievances the British merchants lye under in Sweden, and made a progress therein, and ordered that letters be writ to Sir Ambrose Crowley and Mr. Wandsworth, to desire them to remind the merchants trading to Sweden to lay before their lordships, with all convenient speed, what they have to offer thereupon. And further ordered [*O. fo.* 2] that a letter be writ to Mr. Carkesse for an account of the exports and imports from Scotland to Sweden, since the Union of the two Crowns.

Mr. Hall attending in behalf of the blanket weavers of Witney, with several of the upholsterers of the cities of London and Westminster [*fo.* 452, 458], he presented to their lordships a memorial signed by the said upholsterers, setting forth that the trade at Witney is in a decaying condition, by reason the blankets are not made up to the ancient sizes and weight. He also presented to their lordships a memorial signed by himself, setting forth that the money for defraying the charge of the letters patents they desire, is to be raised by a voluntary contribution of the said blanket weavers, and that to answer the end of the said blanket weavers it will be necessary to extend the jurisdiction of that Company fifteen miles round the fore-mentioned town of Witney; which memorial[s] were read, and those gentlemen being asked the same question, as Mr. Hall was the 23rd instant, vizt., whether an Act of Parliament directing the length, breadth and weight of blankets under a penalty, would not answer the ends proposed by the said blanket weavers, they said that they only come to complain of the abuse committed in the making of blankets at present; but as for the proper remedy, whether by a charter, or by an Act, they submit't'd it to their lordships.

May 26. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Baillie.

Mr. Campbell attending, he presented to their lordships a further memorial in relation to his petition to her Majesty [*fo.* 422; *O. fo.* 6], touching the losses he has sustain'd in Newfoundland, mentioned in the minutes of the 25th of the last month, which their lordships agreed to take into consideration at a convenient opportunity.

A letter to the Earl of Sunderland [*fo.* 456], on the petition of the blanket weavers of Witney to her Majesty, praying to be incorporated into a Company, was signed.

Sir Alexander Cairns attending, he presented to their lordships a petition from the merchants of Biddiford, praying that the French may be obliged at the insuing Treaty of Peace to restore Newfoundland to her Majesty. Whereupon [*fo.* 446; *O. fo.* 1] he was acquainted with what had already been done on a like application from the merchants at Bristol; and he being withdrawn, their lordships gave directions for preparing the draught of a letter to the Earl of Sunderland thereupon.

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*with Sweden.**Draught of representation.**Letter to Sir Ambrose Crowley and Mr. Wandsworth.**Letter to Mr. Carkess. Exports and imports from Scotland to Sweden.**Mr. Hall. Blanket weavers. Memorial from upholsterers.**Memorial from Mr. Hall about the intended incorporation of blanket weavers.*

Newfoundland.

*Memorial from**Mr. Campbell.**His petition about his losses.*

Trade.

Letter to the Earl of Sunderland on the petition of the blanket weavers.

Newfoundland.

*Sir Alexander Cairnes.**Petition from**merchants of**Biddiford.**Restoration of**Newfoundland from the French.**Letter to the**Earl of Sunderland.*

Journal of the proceedings of Her Majesty's Commissioners for promoting the trade of this Kingdom, and for inspecting and improving her plantations in America and elsewhere, from the first of June, 1710, to the thirty-first October, 1711.

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1710.

Trade.

*Representation upon
petition of Yorkshire
clothiers, &c.
Letter to Mr. Secretary
Boyle.*

Newfoundland.

*Letter to the Earl of
Sunderland.
Petition from
Biddiford about
French part of the
island &c.*

Trade.

*Sweden.
Representation.*

*Letter from Mr.
Carkesse.*

*Exports and imports
between Scotland and
Sweden.*

*Letter to Mr.
Lowndes. .
Accounts from
Commissioners of
Customs in
Scotland.*

Virginia.

*Letter from
Colonel Jennings.
Ships of war.*

June 1. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie.

A representation upon the petition from the clothiers and buyers of wooll and others in the county of York &c., as directed the 25th of the last month [N. fo. 455], together with a letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle, inclosing the same, were signed.

A letter to the Earl of Sunderland on a petition from the merchants of Biddyford, desiring that all that part of Newfoundland, whereof the French are now posset [N. fo. 458], may, whenever a treaty of peace is made with France, be delivered up to her Majesty, as directed the 26th of the last month, was signed.

June 6. Present :—Lord Dartmouth, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie.

The draught of a representation upon the present state of the trade of this kingdom with Sweden [N. fo. 456; fo. 5], mentioned in the minutes of the 25th of the last month, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse, of the 26th of the last month, in answer to one writ him the 25th ditto [N. fo. 456], for an account of the exports and imports from Scotland to Sweden, since the Union of the two kingdoms to Christmas last, signifying that the Commissioners of the Customs here have no such account, was read; whereupon ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Lowndes, to desire him to move the Lord High Treasurer, that their lordships may have from the Commissioners of the Customs in Scotland the accounts before mentioned, and that the said Commissioners do give this Board, half-year or yearly, as shall be most convenient, an account of the general trade of that part of Great Britain.

A letter from Colonel Jennings, President of the Council of Virginia, dated the 10th of March, 1709, relating to ships of war for the defence of the coasts in that colony, and to a sloop's being taken up and employed in that service, was read, as also the following minutes of Council referr'd to therein :

Minutes of the Council of Virginia, of the 8th of March, 1709.

Whereupon ordered that an extract of the said letter be sent to Mr. Burchet, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

Their lordships took into consideration the body of Maryland laws passed in 1704 and 1705, contained in book No. 16 [*fo.* 4], mentioned in the minutes of the 24th of March last, and read eight of the said laws.

Mr. Jeremiah Dummer attending, presented to their lordships a letter from Sir William Ashurst, dated the 10th of May last, acquainting their lordships that the Assembly of the Massachusetts Bay had appointed the said Sir William Ashurst agent of that province [*fo.* 217], but that he could not by reason of his want of health act in that station, and had therefore appointed the said Dummer to attend their lordships upon the affairs of that province, as occasion might require, which letter was read.

June 7. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie.

Their lordships again took into consideration the body of Maryland laws, mentioned in yesterday's minutes [*fo.* 3, 110], and read twenty of the said laws.

June 9. Present :—Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Boyle, of the 7th instant [*fo.* 8], referring to their lordships the extract of a letter from Mr. Palmes, her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary at Vienna, relating to a proposal for opening a trade with the ports of the Emperor's dominions in the Adriatique, was read, and their lordships agreed to take the same into consideration on Tuesday morning next.

A representation upon the state of the trade of this kingdom with Sweden, agreed the 6th instant [*fo.* 2, 7], together with a letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle inclosing the same, were signed.

A letter from Colonel Park, Governor of the Leeward Islands, dated the 21st of March last, was read.

A second letter from Colonel Park, of the 27th of the same month, transmitting the minutes of the General Council of the Leeward Islands in Assembly, from the 23rd of March, 170⁹/₁₀ to the 27th of the same month, [? was read] and in regard Colonel Park is ordered home, and suddenly expected here, no directions were given for preparing an answer to the said letters.

An account of the losses sustained by Mr. James Campbell in Newfoundland [*N. fo.* 458 ; *fo.* 215], with an inventory of his estate remaining in that colony in May, 1705, together with the affidavit of Colin Campbell, his brother, and one from [him]self, to prove the truth of the said accounts, were read.

June 12. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

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Letter to Mr. Burchet with extract of the said letter.

Maryland.

Laws consider'd.

Massachusetts Bay.

Mr. Dumer.

Letter from Sir William Ashurst.

Agency for the province.

Maryland.

Laws.

Trade.

Letter from Mr.

Secretary Boyle.

Extract of letter from

Mr. Palmes at

Vienna.

Trade with the Emperor's ports in the Adriatique.

Representation about

trade with Sweden.

Letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle.

Leeward Islands.

Letter from Colonel Parke.

Second letter from him.

Minutes of the General Council in Assembly.

Newfoundland.

Account of Mr. Campbell's losses. Inventory of his estate.

Affidavit of Mr. Colin Campbell.

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Miscellanies.

Commissioners take
the oaths.

Their lordships went to Westminster Hall, and took the oaths at the Court of Queen's Bench, pursuant to an Act made in the eighth year of her Majesty's reign, intituled *An Act for explaining and enlarging an Act of the 6th year of her Majesty's reign*, intituled *an Act for the security of her Majesty's person and government*.

June 13. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

Trade.

Memorial from mer-
chants of Exeter.

Proposal of the
Chancery of Austria,
&c.

Woollen manufacture.
Representation.

Memorial from
Swedish merchants.
Grievances in their
trade.

Supplemental
representation about
trade to Sweden.
Letter therewith.

Barbadoes.

Draught of repre-
sentation.

Cowley's petition.
Tobago.

Trade.

Mr. Secretary Boyle's
letter.

Extract of one from
Mr. Palmes about
trade in the
Adriatique.

Some of the Turkey
Company and Italian
merchants summoned.

A memorial from several merchants of Exeter, upon a proposal of the Private Court Chancery of Austria to the Royal Court Chancery of Bohemia [N. fo. 455; fo. 8], relating to the importation of the English woollen manufactures in those countries, was read; and directions given for preparing the draught of a representation thereupon.

A memorial from several merchants trading to Sweden, relating to the grievances they lye under in that kingdome, was read; and the secretary having thereupon prepared the draught of a supplemental representation to that signed the 9th instant [fo. 5], the same was agreed and signed, together with a letter inclosing it to Mr. Secretary Boyle.

The draught of a representation upon the petition of Captain Cowley, mentioned in the minutes of the 25th of the last month [N. fo. 455, v. *infra*], was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

Their lordships again taking into consideration Mr. Secretary Boyle's letter of the 7th instant, mentioned in the minutes of the 9th ditto [fo. 4, 11], referring to the Board the extract of a letter from Mr. Palmes at Vienna, relating to a proposal for opening a trade with the Emperor's ports in the Adriatic; ordered that one or two of the members of the Turkey Company, as likewise one or two of the Italian merchants, have notice to attend the Board on Tuesday next in the morning.

June 15. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

A representation upon the petition of Captain Cowley [v. *supra*], agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

Barbadoes.

Representation
Cowley's petition.
Tobago.

Trade.

Woollen manufacture
in Austria &c.
Representation.

Jamaica.

Solicitor General's
report.

Act about fees.

Letter to Major
General Handasyd
thereupon.

The draught of a representation upon a proposal of the Private Court Chancery of Austria &c. [fo. 7, 10], relating to the importation of the English woollen manufactures into those countries was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

A report from Mr. Solicitor General (now Mr. Justice Eyre) upon an Act past in Jamaica in January, 1708, intituled *An Act for regulating fees*, transmitted to him the 22nd of March last [N. fo. 393], was read. Whereupon ordered that the draught of a letter to Major-General Handasyd, Governor of Jamaica, be prepared for inclosing a copy of the said report, and that he be advised to lay the same before the Assembly, to the end a new Act may be pass'd, not liable to the objections Mr. Solicitor has made, otherwise their lordships will be obliged to lay the

above mentioned Act before her Majesty for her disallowance thereof.

Another report from Mr. Solicitor General (now Mr. Justice Eyre) in answer to a letter writ him the 24th of April last [N. fo. 415], for his opinion upon two clauses in the charter of the Massachusetts Bay, for reserving to the Crown such trees as are fit for masts, was read; whereupon ordered that a copy thereof be sent to Colonel Dudley for his information.

June 16. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

A representation upon the proposal of the Private Court Chancery of Austria to the Royal Court Chancery of Bohemia [fo. 8], relating to the importation of the English woollen manufactures into those countries, agreed at the last meeting, together with a letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle inclosing the same, were signed.

June 20. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse, secretary to the Commissioners of the Customes, inclosing the extract of a letter from Mr. Perry, Surveyor General of the Leeward Islands, relating to an illegal trade carried on from Antego to Martinico [fo. 53], was read; whereupon ordered that the secretary do write an answer thereto.

Sir William Hodges, with Mr. Thomas Vaughan, husband of the Turkey Company, attending as they had been desired, Mr. Secretary Boyle's letter of the 7th instant, and the extract of Mr. Palmes's letter therein referr'd to [fo. 8, 33], relating to the opening of a trade with the Emperor's ports in the Adriatic, were read. Whereupon Sir William Hodges said that if our ships should go to any of the Emperor's said ports, he did not know how they could be loaded back from thence, so that they would be obliged to go to Venice to seek freight homeward, and in that case of having discharged part of their loading in the Emperor's said ports, they would not be admitted by the Venetians to load currants at Zant and Zephonia &c., as free ships, and therefore upon the whole he did not see at present what advantage the opening a trade to the Emperor's ports would be to this kingdom. He added that he thought it would interfere with the Hamburgh Company's trade to Germany. Mr. Vaughan desired their lordships, that a copy of Mr. Palmes's said letter might be sent to him in order to his transmitting to their lordships the opinion of the Turkey Company thereupon. These gentlemen being withdrawn, ordered that a copy of the said letter be sent to Mr. Vaughan accordingly, and another copy to the Governor of the Hamburgh Company, for the opinion of the said Company upon that matter.

Sir William Hodges communicated to their lordships some reasons for the granting of passes to two Spanish ships, the *Nuestra Senora del Rosaria* and *St. Joseph*, mentioned in the representation of this Board of the 17th of December, 1708.

A letter from Colonel Park, Governor of the Leeward Islands, dated the 24th of April last [fo. 13, 19], inclosing the copy of a

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Massachusetts.
Solicitor General's report on clauses of the charter about mast trees.

A copy sent Colonel Dudley.

Trade.
Woollen manufacture in Austria, &c. Representation and letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle.

Leeward Islands.
Letter from Mr. Carkesse. Illegal trade from Antiqua to Martinique. Answer.

Trade.
Sir William Hodges and Mr. Vaughan of the Turkey Company. Mr. Palmes's letter. Trade in the Adriatique.

Copies of Mr. Palmes's letter sent the Turkey and Hamburgh Companies for their opinion.

Reasons for granting passes to two Spanish ships in 1708.

Leeward Islands.
Letter from Colonel Parke.

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*Petition from soldiers
in Colonel Jones's
regiment.*

*Letter to the Lord
Dartmouth thereupon.*

Trade.

*Letter from Mr.
Secretary Boyle.*

*Letter from Elector
Palatine about Cus-
toms on linnen and
thread, and from
Lubec about trade
in the Baltick.*

*Letter to Mr.
Carkesse.*

petition to himself and General Council from the soldiers in the regiment commanded by Colonel Jones, complaining of the hardships they suffer there for want of their pay &c., were read. Whereupon ordered that the draught of a letter be prepared to the Lord Dartmouth, inclosing copies of the said letter and petition for her Majesty's directions for the relief of the petitioners.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Boyle of the 17th instant, referring to this Board copies of two letters to her Majesty, one from the Elector Palatine [*fo.* 15, 41], relating to the customes laid by Act of Parliament upon linnen and thread imported from the Dutchy of Berg; the other from the town of Lubec about their trade in the Baltick, were read. Whereupon ordered that the secretary do write to Mr. Carkesse for an account of the duties upon linnen and thread from the Dutchy of Berg [*fo.* 15], and to know what proportion those duties bear with those on linnen and thread from other parts of Germany.

June 21. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

Leeward Islands.
*Letter to the Lord
Dartmouth with copy
of Colonel Parke's
about petition of the
soldiers.*

A letter to the Lord Dartmouth, inclosing the copy of a letter from Colonel Parke, Governor of the Leeward Islands, dated the 24th of April last [*fo.* 12], with a petition to himself and General Council, from the soldiers in the regiment there, as directed at the last meeting, was signed.

June 22. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

Trade.
*Letter from Mr.
Secretary Boyle with
a copy of the Danish
Envoy's letter about
a light house at
Terdero.*

*Letter to Mr. Words-
worth for his and
other merchants'
opinions thereupon.*

A letter from Mr. Secretary Boyle of yesterday's date, referring to the Board the copy of a letter from Monsieur Rosenkrantz, the Danish Envoy, relating to a light house erected in the Isle of Terderoe, was read. Whereupon ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Wordsworth [*fo.* 17], to acquaint him that the King of Denmark, having some years ago set up the said light house for the maintenance of which, one solz per last has been paid by all Danish ships passing that way, and that it having been represented to his Majesty that the same is not sufficient for the maintenance of the said light house, he had determined to demand one solz per last of all foreign ships sailing into those seas, and to desire the said Wordsworth to communicate this matter to such persons concern'd in that trade as he shall think proper, and that he would let their lordships have his and their opinion thereupon, particularly whether the said light house by its scituation be of any advantage to the trade of this kingdom.

Jamaica.
*Letter to the
Governor.*

The draught of a letter to Major-General Handasyd, Governor of Jamaica [*fo.* 16], was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

Trade.
*Spanish ships with
the Queen's passes
seized by the Dutch.
Letter from Earl of
Sunderland to Sir
Charles Hedges with
answer.*

Copy of a letter from the Earl of Sunderland to Sir Charles Hedges of the 5th of May, 1710, relating to Spanish ships bound to the Buenos Ayres under the protection of her Majesty's passes, which the Dutch have seized &c., with Sir Charles Hedges' answer thereunto, was read.

June 27. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse, of the 23rd instant, in answer to one writ him the 21st ditto, an account of the duties upon linnen and thread from the Dutchy of Berg &c. [fo. 13], signifying that those duties on threads and linnens pay the same duties as all others from any other part of Germany, was read.

Then their lordships, taking into consideration the copy of the letter from the Elector Palatine [fo. 12, 16] to her Majesty, referr'd to in Mr. Secretary Boyle's letter of the 17th instant, read the 20th ditto, relating to the aforementioned duties, ordered that the draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle be prepared thereupon.

A reference from Mr. Secretary Boyle of the 23rd instant on the petition of Mr. Joseph Wilkins and Mr. Andrew Broughton to her Majesty, praying for a pass for the ship *St. Bernardo* of Bilboa [fo. 17], to sail from Plymouth to Holland and Archangel, and so back to Bilboa, was read. Whereupon ordered that the petitioners have notice to attend the Board to-morrow morning.

A letter to Major-General Handasyd, Governor of Jamaica [fo. 15], agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

June 28. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle upon the copy of a letter from the Elector Palatine to her Majesty, relating to the duties paid here upon linnen and thread imported from the Dutchy of Berg &c. [fo. 15], directed at the last meeting, was signed.

Mr. Broughton and Mr. Lloyd attending, as directed the 27th instant, in relation to the reference from Mr. Secretary Boyle, on the petition of the said Broughton for a pass for the ship *Bernardo* of Bilboa [fo. 16, 19], the same was again read, and Mr. Broughton being asked several questions thereupon, he produced to their lordships a certificate of Joseph Wilkins concerned in the said petition, setting forth that the said ship is intirely the property and doth belong to her Majesty's subjects of this kingdom, and that no part of the said ship does belong to any foreigner; and being further asked how he proved that the property of the cargo outwards was English, as is alledged in the petition, he said that the property of the cargo outwards was not wholly English, and therefore desired that he might be permitted to withdraw the said petition, to the end proper alterations might be made therein, and then presented to her Majesty again, whereupon the same was returned to him accordingly.

A letter from Mr. Wordsworth of yesterday's date, in answer to one writ him the 22nd ditto, about a light house, set up in the Island of Terderoe [fo. 14, 19], was read, signifying that he had consulted the merchants thereupon, and that they had declared they did not know any such Island as Terderoe, or that such a light house would be of any use to them; that they did already pay light money up and down the Sound, and thought the same

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Trade.

Letter from Mr. Carkesse. Duties on linnen and thread.

Elector Palatin's letter relating thereto.

Letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle.

Trade.

Reference from Mr. Secretary Boyle. Petition of Wilkins and Broughton. Pass for a ship. Petitioners summoned.

Jamaica.

Letter to the Governor.

Trade.

Letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle. Letter from Elector Palatine. Duties on linnen and thread.

Mr. Broughton and Mr. Lloyd. Pass for the ship Bernardo.

Certificate of its property.

Property of the cargo.

Petition withdrawn.

Letter from Mr. Wordsworth. Light house at Terderoe.

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*Masters of ships
summon'd.*

Trade.

*Reference on petition
of Nicholas Skinner,
&c.*

*Ship St. Antonio
seized by Portuguese
under her Majesty's
pass.*

Petitioners to attend.

too much. Whereupon ordered that some of the masters of the ships mentioned in the said letter [fo. 19] have notice to attend the Board on Fryday morning next.

A reference from Mr. Secretary Boyle, of the 25th instant, upon the petition of Nicholas Skinner and Desney Staniforth to her Majesty, touching the ship *St. Antonio de Padua's* being stopt at Cascas Road by the Portuguese Governor there [fo. 22], although she had her Majesty's pass, praying that the said ship may be permitted to pursue her voyage to this kingdom, was read. Whereupon ordered that the petitioners have notice to attend the Board on Tuesday morning next.

June 30. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

Trade.
*Petition of Mr.
Broughton and Mr.
Wilkins.
Pass for the ship
Bernardo.*

Barbadoes.
*Letter from Mr.
Crow.*

Leeward Islands.
*Draught of letter to
Colonel Parke.*

The petition of Mr. Broughton and Mr. Wilkins, mentioned in the minutes of the 28th instant [fo. 17, 28], was again brought to the Board, altered, and their lordships resolved to take the same into consideration on Tuesday morning next.

A letter from Mr. Crow, dated at New Castle the 26th instant, signifying his arrival there that day, was read.

Ordered that the draught of a letter be prepared in answer to the letters lately received from Colonel Parke [fo. 12, 35].

Trade.
*Mr. Wordsworth and
several masters of
ships.
Light house at
Terderoe.*

Mr. Wordsworth, with several masters of ships trading into the Baltick, vizt., Charles Hales, Robert Lister and John Tomlin, attending [fo. 18], Mr. Boyle's letter of the 21st instant, relating to a light house set up by the King of Denmark on the Island of Terderoe, was read to them; and being asked several questions thereupon, they said that they had most of them traded into those seas about 30 years, [and] that they never heard of any light set up on the said island. One of the said masters said that he had been in that part of the sea called Soen Water, in which the Island of Terderoe lyes, about seven years ago, and that then he perceived no light upon it. However that be, they said that the Island of Terderoe lies intirely out of their navigation, for, when they sail into the Baltick, they are forced to make a Cape of Jutland, called the Schau, which is between 25 and 30 leagues from Terderoe; so that, if there were any light upon the said island, it could be of no use to the Baltick traders, and therefore they thought it very hard they should be obliged to contribute to a light which can be of no use to them, the same being so distant from the course of their navigation. They said further that, between the forementioned Cape Schau and the passage through the Sound, there are five several lights; that each ship that passes there (great or small) is obliged to pay 4½ specie dollars going up, and the same in her return; and therefore they hoped that they should not be obliged to pay to the light at Terderoe, which is of no use to them as aforesaid. They added that such ships as trade to the Long Sound or Soenwater (which they thought were but few, for that the chief trade to Norway lyes another way) have the benefit of the said light, and therefore might pay to it. These gentlemen being

withdrawn, ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. William Astel [fo. 25], a Norway merchant, acquainting him with this matter, and to desire his attendance on the Board on Tuesday morning next.

July 4. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter from the Lord Dartmouth of yesterday's date, requiring an account of the number of the men-of-war and privateers the French have near Jamaica [fo. 26], what condition we are in to resist them, and what force may be necessary for the security of the said island and trade there, was read. Whereupon ordered that letters be writ to Sir Gilbert Heathcote and Colonel Lloyd to acquaint them therewith, and to desire them to communicate the same to such persons as they shall think proper, and let their lordships have their opinion in this matter in writing on Thursday morning next.

Further ordered that paragraphs C, D, F, H and M of Major-General Handasyd's letter of the 25th of March last [N. fo. 427], be transcribed in order to their being transmitted to the Lord Dartmouth.

Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Skinner attending, as he (*sic*) had been directed the 28th of the last month, in relation to the petition of the said Skinner &c., touching the ship *St. Antonio* of Padua's [fo. 18, 30], being stopt at Cascas Road by the Portuguese Governor there &c., the said petition was again read; and the said Skinner being thereupon asked the number of marriners that were on board the said ship, when she was seized, he said there was the master and five Spaniards and three English, and that a pass from the Duke of Anjou and Spanish colours were found on board, which were the reasons for her seizure. And Mr. Skinner being further asked if the property of the said ship was wholly English, he said it was. Whereupon he was desired to procure an affidavit thereof, which he promised to do, and lay the same before their lordships. Then these persons being withdrawn, ordered that a letter be writ to Sir Nathaniel Lloyd, her Majesty's Advocate General [fo. 30], to know how far it may be proper for her Majesty to interpose in this case (as is desired by the petitioners) in regard the master and five of the eight marriners are Spaniards and in regard that a pass from the Duke of Anjou and Spanish colours were found on board as aforesaid.

July 5. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter from Major-General Handasyd, Governor of Jamaica, to the secretary, dated 9th April, 1710, was read.

Another letter from him of the same date was also read, and directions given for preparing answers thereunto, and that paragraph E and F of the said letter relating to recruits [fo. 29], and the pardon of a serjeant for murder, be communicated to Captain Gardner, and that therefore he have notice to attend the Board to-morrow morning, and that he be desired to give their lordships what information he can in relation to those matters.

1710.

*Letter to Mr. Astel
to attend.*

Jamaica.

*Letter from Lord
Dartmouth.*

*French force and our
posture of defence.*

*Letters to Sir
Gilbert Heathcote and
Colonel Lloyd.*

*Extract of Major
General Handasyd's
letter to be sent Lord
Dartmouth.*

Trade.

*Colonel Lloyd and
Mr. Skinner.*

*Ship Antonio stop't
by the Portuguese.*

*Affidavit of the
ship's property.*

*Letter to Advocate
General.*

Jamaica.

*Letters from the
Governor.*

*Recruits, pardon of
a serjeant, and Captain
Gardner to attend.*

1710.

Ireland.

*Mr. Lowther.
Representation from
Whitehaven coal trade.*

Mr. Lowther attending, presented to their lordships a representation of the masters and owners of ships of Whitehaven &c., relating to the coal trade to Ireland, and to an Act of Parliament pass'd in that kingdom concerning the said trade, the same was read; and the Board was of opinion that the most proper method would be to petition her Majesty in Council by way of caveat against the passing the said Bill.

Barbadoes.

*Letter from Mr.
Crow.*

Letter from Mr. Crow, Governor of Barbadoes, dated the 6th March, 170⁹/₁₀, was read, and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt.:

*Papers therein
referr'd to.*

Naval officers' list of ships from 24th September, 1709, to 25th December following.

Minutes of Council of Barbados from the 9th of November, 1709, to 24th January following.

Minutes of Assembly of Barbadoes from 15th November, 1709, to 28th February following.

July 6. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

Trade.

*Mr. Astell.
Light house at
Terderoe.*

Mr. Astel attending, as he had been desired the 30th of the last month, in relation to the light house erected on the Island of Terderoe [*fo.* 21, 32], and being asked several questions thereupon, he said that, pursuant to their lordships' directions, he had consulted the principal merchants trading to Norway, who were of opinion that the said light house was very usefull to all ships sailing to Dram, Christiana and other ports to the eastward of the Naes, and that therefore they did think the duty demanded, of one penny per last, was but reasonable, and that the merchants were very willing to pay it; that in times of peace above one hundred ships were employ'd in the said trade to the aforesaid ports to the eastward of the Naes. He further said that, if what he had now offered to their lordships was not sufficient for their information, he would procure the opinion of the said merchants in writing, and lay the same before their lordships on Monday or Tuesday morning next; which he was desired to do accordingly.

*Opinion of mer-
chants.*

Jamaica.

*Colonel Lloyd and
Mr. Harris.
Memorial about
French men of war
and privateers.
Want of seamen at
Jamaica.*

Colonel Lloyd and Mr. Harris attending, Colonel Lloyd presented to their lordships a memorial relating to the number of men-of-war and privateers the French have cruizing to windward of Jamaica [*fo.* 21, 27], and other parts of the West Indies, to the weakness of her Majesty's ships there for want of seamen, many of whom are driven from the said island by the rigorous execution of the power given for collecting duties on prize goods, and proposing that the power to the said collector be recalled, and that eight men-of-war be forthwith sent to that island &c., was read; and Mr. Harris acquainted their lordships that the French ships of war mentioned in the said memorial to be gone to the West Indies, were large ships, from 50 to 70 gunns. These gentlemen being withdrawn, ordered that an answer be prepared to the Lord Dartmouth's letter of the 3rd instant.

*Letter to the Lord
Dartmouth.*

July 7. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter to the Lord Dartmouth, relating to the men-of-war and privateers the French have near Jamaica &c. [*fo.* 26, 30], mentioned in yesterday's minutes, was signed.

A letter from Colonel Jennings, President of the Council of Virginia, dated the 24th April, 1710, was read.

A letter from Colonel Park, Governor of the Leeward Islands, dated the 25th of November, 1709, relating to the complaints against him, and the attempt to assassinate him, was read.

A second letter from him, dated the 9th of March, 170⁹/₁₀, relating to the meeting of the General Council and Assembly, two murders committed by Mr. Tankard and his brother, and to the invasion of Montserrat by seven French privateers, was read.

Two letters from him dated the 11th of May, 1710, were read, with the following papers, vizt. :

Minutes of the General Council of the Leeward Islands in Assembly, from the 23rd of March, 170⁹/₁₀, to the 14th of April, 1710.

Minutes of the Council of Antigua from the 10th of January, 170⁹/₁₀, to the 14th of March following.

A letter from Mr. Hodges, Lieutenant Governor of Montserrat, dated the 2nd of February, 170⁹/₁₀, relating to an attack made by seven French privateers on that island, and proposing that one of the frigats attending the Leeward Islands may have her station at Montserrat, to ease the people of guards &c., was read.

Mr. Lloyd attending upon the petition of Mr. Broughton and Wilkins, mentioned in the minutes of the 30th of the last month [*fo.* 19], and being asked several questions in relation to the ship for which the pass is desired, he said that she came from Bilboa, and was bound for Holland with Spanish wooll on account of Hollanders, and being met with by one of her Majesty's ships of war, was brought up to Plymouth; that the matter has been heard in Doctors' Commons and the ship cleared; and for their lordships' further information, he promised to bring their lordships an extract of the proceedings in Doctors' Commons [*fo.* 31].

Captain Gardner attending as he had been desired, paragraph E of Major-General Handasyd's letter of the 9th of April last, relating to the recruits [*fo.* 23], was communicated to him. Whereupon he said that the Major-General had writ the same thing to him, and that he had put it in the proper method of examination, that five pound per man is allow'd to all the recruits sent to Jamaica; but is not paid till the master of the packet has given a certificate of his having received on board such a number of men; that the master of the packet-boat mentioned by the said General did give a certificate for 70 men, and therefore Captain Gardner concluded there was some unfair dealing between the officer and the master of the packet-boat.

Their lordships further communicated to Captain Gardner paragraph F of the forementioned letter relating to the pardon of a serjeant in Jamaica [*fo.* 23]. Whereupon he said that he had

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Jamaica.

Letter to Lord Dartmouth. French force in America.

Virginia.

Letter from Colonel Jennings.

Leeward Islands.

Letter from Colonel Parke.

Second letter from him.

Two more.

Papers therein referr'd to.

Leeward Islands.

Letter from Colonel Hodges.

Guard ship for Montserrat.

Trade.

Mr. Lloyd. Broughton and Wilkins's petition. Pass for a ship.

Proceedings of Admiralty Court.

Jamaica.

Captain Gardner. Recruits.

Pardon for a serjeant condemn'd at Jamaica.

1710.

Jamaica.

*Letter to Lord
Dartmouth about
recruits.*

sent the said pardon about one year ago, which he beleives miscarried; and a duplicate thereof in January last.

Captain Gardner being withdrawn, a postscript was added to the foremention'd letter to the Lord Dartmouth [fo. 27], upon the subject of the above-mentioned paragraph E touching recruits.

July 11. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

Trade.

*Letter from Advocate
General. His report
on Skinner's petition
about ship
St. Antonio.*

*Letter to Advocate
General.*

*Letter to Mr. Secretary
Boyle.*

A letter from Sir Nathaniel Lloyd, her Majesty's Advocate General, of the 10th instant, to the secretary, inclosing his report upon the petition of Nicholas Skinner &c., relating to the ship *St. Antonio de Padua* [fo. 22, 39], seized in Cascas Road by the Portuguese Governor there, although she had her Majesty's pass &c., was read. Whereupon ordered that the secretary do return an answer to Sir Nathaniel Lloyd, acquainting him that by the powers of this commission their lordships are authorized to require the opinion of her Majesty's Attorney and Solicitor General or any other her Council at law &c. Further ordered that the draught of a letter be prepared to Mr. Secretary Boyle upon the forementioned petition.

Newfoundland.

*Custom House officers
at Bristol. Account
of ships sent to New-
foundland.*

Maryland.

*Letter from the Lord
Baltimore. Act about
qualification of
surveyors.*

A letter from the Custom House officers at Bristol, of the 8th instant, inclosing a list of the names of the fishing ships that have sailed from that port to Newfoundland from the 24th of June, 1709, to the 24th of June, 1710, was read.

A letter from the Lord Baltimore, dated the 7th instant [fo. 93], relating to an Act past in Maryland, requiring the surveyors of land there to qualify themselves by taking the oaths &c., with the reasons for passing the said Act and answers thereunto, was read. Whereupon their lordships agreed to take the same into consideration, when a return should be made to the letter of this Board of the 12th January, 1708, requiring Colonel Seymour and the Council of that province to give the reasons for passing the said Act.

Trade.

*Mr. Lloyd. Pass for
the ship St. Bernardo.
Certificate from the
Admiralty Court.*

*Letter to Mr. Secretary
Boyle.*

Mr. Lloyd attending in relation to the pass for the ship *St. Bernardo* of Bilboa &c., he presented to their lordships as directed the 7th instant [fo. 29, 32], a certificate from the Admiralty Court of their proceedings there relating to the said ship, which was read, and directions given for preparing the draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle thereupon.

*Declaration of
neutrality
for Germany.*

*Traders to the Baltick
summon'd.*

A copy of the declaration of neutrality for Germany to be observed by the northern princes now in war, was read. Whereupon ordered that some of the merchants trading to the Baltick have notice to attend the Board thereupon on Thursday morning next.

July 12. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

Trade.

*Letter from Mr.
Astel. Light house
at Terderoe.*

*Letter to Mr. Secretary
Boyle thereupon.*

A letter from Mr. Astel, with the opinion of himself and several other merchants trading to Norway, relating to a light house built by the King of Denmark on the Island of Terderoe [fo. 25], mentioned in the minutes of the 6th instant, was read, and a letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle thereupon was signed.

Another letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle upon the petition of Joseph Wilkins and Andrew Broughton, praying for a pass for the ship *St. Bernardo*, of Bilboa &c. [fo. 31], mentioned in yesterday's minutes, was also signed.

A letter to the Lord Dartmouth, inclosing a warrant for her Majesty's signature, allowing and directing the use of a new seal for the island of Jamaica, was signed.

Two letters from Colonel Quarry, dated the 2nd of December, 1709, and 10th of February, 1710, relating to the government of Virginia, Maryland, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, together with the copy of an Act past in Maryland, entituled *An Act reviving an Act for limitation of officers' fees*, were read. Whereupon ordered that answers be prepared to the said letters [fo. 52].

Several members of the Turkey Company attending, they presented to their lordships a memorial upon the extract of a letter from Mr. Palmes, her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary at Vienna, touching a proposal for opening a trade with the Emperor's ports in the Adriatick [fo. 11, 35], mentioned in the minutes of the 20th of the last month, was read, and directions given for preparing an answer to Mr. Boyle's letter referring the said proposal to this Board.

July 13. Present :—Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter from the Lord Dartmouth of the 7th instant, desiring this Board to prepare the draught of a commission and instructions for Colonel John Corbet to be Governor of Maryland [fo. 40], was read, and directions given for preparing the same accordingly.

An order of the right honourable the Committee of her Majesty's Council of the 12th instant, referring to the Board a Bill lately transmitted from Ireland, entituled *An Act to inforce such Acts as have been made for the improvement of the linnen manufacture and a further regulation of the same*, directing their lordships to peruse the said Act and to report their opinion upon the scope thereof, which Order and Bill were read.

Whereupon ordered that a letter be writ to the Governor or Deputy Governor of the Hamburg Company [fo. 36], inclosing the copy of a clause of the said Act, which lays a duty upon all callicoos and other linnen imported into that kingdom, to know if they have any objections thereto.

Further ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Carkesse [fo. 36] for an account of the quantities of white, printed or stained callicoos, or other linnens that have been exported from hence to Ireland, for one year ending at Midsummer last, or an account of such exports for so much of that time as he can.

A letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle upon the proposal for opening a trade with the ports in the Emperor's dominions in the Adriatique [fo. 33], mentioned in yesterday's minutes, was signed.

A letter to Major-General Handasyd, Governor of Jamaica, as also to Colonel Park, Governor of the Leeward Islands [fo. 19], were signed.

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Letter to him about a pass for the ship St. Bernardo.

Jamaica.

Letter to the Lord Dartmouth. Warrant for new seal.

Plantations General.

Letter from Colonel Quarry.

New York.

Trade.

Turkey Company. Memorial on Mr. Palmes' letter. Trade in the Adriatique.

Letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle.

Maryland.

Letter from the Lord Dartmouth. Commission and instructions for Colonel Corbet.

Ireland.

Order of Committee of Council. Bill about linnen manufacture.

Letter to Hamburg Company. Duty on callicoe, &c.

Letter to Mr. Carkesse about callicoe and linnen exported to Ireland.

Trade.

Letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle. Trade in the Adriatique.

Jamaica.

Leeward Islands.

Letters to the Governors.

1710.

Barbadoes.*Letter from the Council.*

A letter from the Council of Barbadoes of the 22nd of April last, relating to disputes between them and the Assembly [fo. 59], about the Treasurer in that island, was read, as were likewise the papers therein referr'd to, which are as follows, vizt. :

*Papers therein
referr'd to.*

Resolves of the Assembly of the 14th March, 1709, against the Council upon occasion of nominating a Treasurer in the Excise Bill.

Council of Barbadoes' answer to the Assemblies resolves upon occasion of nominating a Treasurer in the Excise Bill.

*Mr. Crow from
Barbadoes.*

Mr. Crow, being lately arrived from Barbadoes, attended, and acquainted their lordships that he was ready to give them, when they should require it, an account of the present state of that island.

July 15. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

Ireland.
Hamburgh Company.

*Bill about linnen
manufacture.*

*Memorial about
duties on callicoos, &c.*

Trade.
in the Adriatique.

Ireland.
*Report on the said
Bill.*

Mr. Ward, Governor of the Hamburgh Company [fo. 34, 38], with several of the members thereof attending in relation to the Bill lately transmitted from Ireland, entituled *An Act to enforce such Acts as have been made for the improvement of the linnen manufacture, and a further regulation of the same*; he presented to their lordships a memorial upon that clause of the said Act relating to the duties on callicoos &c. imported into that kingdom (mentioned in the minutes of the 13th instant), as also to the trade with the Emperor's dominions in the Adriatique, which was read; and he added in discourse that this Irish Bill did not much affect their Hamburgh trade, by reason that since the establishment of the linnen manufacture in Ireland, very few of the Hamburgh linnens have been exported thither; and these gentlemen being withdrawn, their lordships gave directions for preparing the draught of a report to the Lords Committee of Council upon the said Bill.

July 17. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

Ireland.
*Letter from Mr.
Carkesse. Calicoes
and linnen exported
to Ireland.*

Ireland.
*Report to the Council
on the Bill about
linnen manufacture.*

Linnen manufacture.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse, secretary to the Commissioners of the Customs, of the 15th instant, in answer to one writ him the 13th ditto [fo. 35], with an account of callicoos and linnens exported from hence to Ireland for one year &c., was read.

A report to the right honourable the lords of her Majesty's most honourable Privy Council in answer to their lordships' reference of the 12th instant [fo. 36], upon a Bill lately transmitted from Ireland, to *inforce such Acts as have been made for the improvement of the linnen manufacture &c.*, mentioned in yesterday's minutes, was signed, and sent to the Clerk of the Council in waiting.

A letter from Mr. Crow, Governor of Barbadoes, dated the sixth of May, 1710, was read, and the minutes of Council referr'd to therein, were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

Barbados.
*Letter from Mr.
Crow.*

Minutes of Council.

Minutes of Council of Barbadoes from the ninth of November, 1709, to the 24th of January following.

Minutes of Council of Barbadoes from the 24th of February, 170⁹/₁₀, to the 20th of April following.

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July 19. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter from the Lord Dartmouth of the 15th instant, requiring this Board to prepare the draught of a commission and instructions for the Lord Archibald Hamilton to be Governor of Jamaica [fo. 41, 50], in the room of Major-General Handasyd, who is re-called, was read, and directions given for preparing the same accordingly.

The secretary laid before their lordships an affidavit of Nicholas Skinner, setting forth that he and Disney Staniforth are sole owners and proprietors of the ship *St. Antonio de Padua*, and of her loading, mentioned in the minutes of the 11th instant, was read. Whereupon a letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle [fo. 30] upon the petition of the said Skinner and Staniforth, relating to the said ship, was signed.

A letter from Mr. John Philips to the Lord Stamford, being received from his lordship [fo. 46], wherein the said Philips offers to make a discovery of some indirect practices committed by a person employ'd in the plantations &c., the same was read. Whereupon ordered that he have notice to attend the Board on Fryday morning next.

The secretary acquainting their lordships that he had received from Mr. Penn the copy of an extract of a letter from Mr. Francis Dickenson, at Antego, to Mr. Askew, in London, dated the first of March, 170⁹/₁₀, relating to the French privateers in those seas, the same was read. Whereupon ordered that a copy thereof be sent in the following letter to Mr. Burchet for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

A letter from Major-General Handasyd, Governor of Jamaica, dated the 4th of June last, was read. Whereupon a letter to the Lord Dartmouth, inclosing paragraph B of the said letter in reference to the recruits that are arrived for the regiment there, and paragraphs M, N, and Q, relating to the galleons and other ships at Carthegena, and to her Majesty's ships at Jamaica, was signed; and ordered that the said paragraphs M, N, and Q of the said letter be sent to Mr. Burchet for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

A letter to the Lord Dartmouth, inclosing the draught of a commission to Colonel John Corbet [fo. 34, 59] to be Governor of her Majesty's province of Maryland, was signed.

A memorial from the Eastland Company in answer to the secretary's letter of the 14th instant, upon a letter from the city of Lubeck, referr'd to this Board by Mr. Secretary Boyle, mentioned in the minutes of the 20th of the last month [fo. 12, v. *infra*], desiring they may have liberty to sail unmolested to and from any places in the Baltick, was read. Whereupon order'd that a letter be prepared to Mr. Secretary Boyle upon the fore-mention'd reference.

July 21. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

Jamaica.

Letter from Lord Dartmouth. Commission and instructions for Lord Archibald Hamilton.

Trade.

Affidavit of the property of the ship St. Antonio.

Letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle. Petition of Skinner and Staniforth.

New England.

Letter from Mr. Philips. Indirect practices of an officer in the Plantations.

Leeward Islands.

Extract of a letter from Mr. Dickenson about French privateers there.

Sent to Mr. Burchet.

Jamaica.

Letter from Major General Handasyd.

Letter to Lord Dartmouth with an extract about recruits, galleons and Queen's ships.

Letter to Mr. Burchet.

Maryland.

Letter to the Lord Dartmouth. Commission for Colonel Corbet.

Trade.

Memorial from the Eastland Company upon the letter from Lubeck.

Letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle.

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*Letter to Mr. Secretary
Boyle.
Lubeck.*

A letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle upon the letter from the city of Lubeck to her Majesty [*v. supra*], praying that they may have liberty to sail to and from any places in the Baltick, directed at the last meeting, was signed.

Jamaica.

*Letter to the Lord
Dartmouth. Com-
mission for Lord
Archibald Hamilton.*

A letter to the Lord Dartmouth, inclosing the draught of a commission for the Lord Archibald Hamilton to be Governor of Jamaica [*fo. 39, 59*], was signed.

Miscellanies.

Incident charges.

The accounts of incident charges of this office from Lady day, 1710, to Midsummer following, were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
The secretary's account of petty expences from Lady day, 1710, to Midsummer following, amounting to	20	11	1
The stationer's account for the same time, amounting to	27	11	5
The post officer's account for the same time, amounting to	14	1	10
Mr. Clark's account for wood and coals, amounting to	34	18	0
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And a letter to the Lord High Treasurer, desiring the payment thereof, as also of the salaries due to this office, was signed.

July 27. Present :—Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner.

Jamaica.
Mr. Rigby recommended to be of the Council.

Sir Charles Turner acquainted the Board with the desire of Sir Charles Wager and Sir George Bing that Richard Rigby may be of the Council of Jamaica, when there shall be a vacancy. Whereupon ordered that the said Rigby be minuted down amongst the persons to fill up vacancies.

Barbadoes.
*Letter from the Lord
Dartmouth.
Commission and
instructions for
Mr. Lowther,
sent to the Lord
Dartmouth.*

A letter from the Lord Dartmouth of the 22nd instant, requiring this Board to prepare the draught of a commission and instructions for Mr. Lowther to be Governor of Barbadoes in the room of Mr. Crow [*fo. 46, 59, 81*], was read, and the draught of a commission for Mr. Lowther having been prepared, and laid before the Board, a letter for inclosing the same to the Lord Dartmouth, was signed.

Trade.
*Letter from the Duke
of Queensberry upon
extract of one from
Mr. Pulteney, Envoy
in Denmark, about
ships passing the
Sound.*

Letter from the Duke of Queensberry of the 22nd instant, referring to the Board the extract of a letter from Mr. Pulteney, her Majesty's Envoy to the King of Denmark [*fo. 44*], relating to that King's being willing to allow certificates to the British merchants passing through the Sound &c., was read.

*Letter from Duke
of Queensberry.
Remonstrance from
Dantzick.*

Letter from the Duke of Queensberry of the 22nd instant, referring to the Board a remonstrance from her Majesty's subjects in the town of Dantzick [*fo. 45, 52*], in relation to their trade &c., was read.

Mr. Philips, Deputy Governor, with several members of the Eastland Company, attending, the extract of Mr. Pulteney's letter above-mentioned was communicated to them [fo. 43]; whereupon they said that at present in their passage through the Sound they gave security to pay the duties at their return, and, though their ships be lost in the Baltick, the duties are nevertheless paid, pursuant to the security given; so that they did not see what reason the King of Denmark had to require the payment of those duties in their going through. If that be insisted on, it will be an inconvenience to the trade, in that money must be sent from hence to pay those duties, which is to be done in specie dollars, and the difficulty of procuring that sort of coin here, particularly in the out ports, will be very great; besides it cannot be certainly known here what those duties will amount to. They added that, if the King of Denmark will not allow of the certificates mentioned in Mr. Pulteney's letter, without we submit to pay the duties in going through, they were of opinion it were better to comply than lose the benefit of those certificates. However, they promised to bring their lordships their thoughts more fully thereupon in writing as soon as possible [fo. 49]. Then the remonstrance from the British merchants of Dantzick afore-mentioned [fo. 43, 49] was also communicated to them; whereupon they desired a copy thereof, that they might consider the same, and bring their lordships their opinion in writing, which was ordered to be sent them accordingly.

August 1. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

An order of the Committee of Council appointed to consider of the Bills lately transmitted from Ireland of the 29th of the last month, referring to the Board the petition of the freeholders of the county of Kerry in that kingdom, to the House of Commons there, relating to a redoubt to be built in the island of Valencia, together with the resolutions of the House &c. thereupon, was read. Whereupon order'd that Captain Hyde and one or two other merchants trading to the West Indies [fo. 47] have notice to attend the Board on Fryday morning next.

A letter from the Lord Dartmouth of the 28th of the last month, inclosing her Majesty's Order of Council of the 18th of February, 170⁹/₁₀, upon the petitions of Mr. Gordon and Mr. Skene, provost marshal general and secretary of Barbadoes, directing a clause or clauses to be inserted in the instructions to be given Mr. Lowther, appointed Governor of that island, for the restoring of the petitioners to the full enjoyment of their places, was read; and the secretary laid before their lordships the draught of such clauses, which were agreed, and ordered to be inserted in Mr. Lowther's instructions accordingly; and their lordships, taking the said instructions into consideration [fo. 43], agreed the same, and ordered them to be transcribed.

Mr. John Philips attending [fo. 39], as he had been directed, in relation to a discovery he had made to their lordships, touching some illegal practices carried on in the plantations, he presented to their lordships a memorial signed by himself, complaining of

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Trade.

*Eastland Company
upon Mr. Pulteney's
letter about passing
the Sound.*

*Remonstrance from
Dantzick.*

Ireland.

*Order of Committee
of Council.
Petition from the
county of Kerry about
redoubt on Valencia.*

*Merchants sum-
mond.*

Barbadoes.

*Letter from Lord
Dartmouth.
Order of Council.*

*Instructions about
Mr. Gordon and
Skene, &c.*

Agreed.

New England.

*Mr. Philips's
memorial against
Mr. Bridger.*

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*Mr. Oliver and
Newman summon'd.*

Mr. John Bridger, Surveyor General of her Majesty's woods on the continent in America, which was read, and the said memorial making mention that Mr. Oliver and Mr. Newman were able to prove the allegations therein set forth [fo. 48], ordered that they have notice to attend the Board on Fryday morning next.

August 4. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

*Ireland.
Mr. Hyde and Mr.
Perry.*

*Redoubt on the island
of Valencia.*

Mr. Hyde and Mr. Richard Perry attending, as they had been desired the 1st instant, the order of the Committee of Council of the 29th of the last month, referring to the Board the petition of the freeholders of the county of Kerry in Ireland, relating to a redoubt to be built on the island of Valencia &c. [fo. 45], was again read ; and these gentlemen being asked several questions thereupon, they said that they were of opinion that the building of such a fort as is proposed by the petitioners will be of advantage to her Majesty's subjects trading to the West Indies, in securing their homeward bound ships, when by contrary winds or otherwise they shall be forced to that part of the Irish coast, especially if the said fort be so situated as to command the harbour, and that there be some few guns mounted thereon, for the defence of the said harbour. These gentlemen being withdrawn [fo. 48], their lordships gave directions for preparing an answer to the said reference.

*New England.
Mr. Newman about
complaint against
Mr. Bridger.*

Mr. Newman also attending, as he had been directed, in relation to the complaint against Mr. Bridger, surveyor of her Majesty's woods in America, mentioned in the minutes of the 1st instant [fo. 46], and being acquainted by their lordships that they were informed he could give them some account of the said complaint, he said that he did not know anything against the said Bridger.

*Jamaica.
Reference from Lord
Dartmouth. Petition
of merchants about a
new counsellor.
Petitioners summon'd.*

A reference from the Lord Dartmouth of the 26th of the last month, upon the petition of several merchants trading to Jamaica, praying that Mr. John Blair [fo. 49], an inhabitant there, may be appointed one of the members of her Majesty's Council in that island, was read ; whereupon ordered that some of the persons concern'd in the said petition have notice to attend their lordships on Tuesday next.

*Ireland.
Report to Committee of
Council about a fort in
Valencia.*

August 8. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

The draught of an answer to an order of the 29th of the last month, from the right honourable the Lords of her Majesty's most honourable Privy Council [fo. 47], who are a committee to consider of the Bills lately transmitted from Ireland relating to a fort to be built in the island of Valencia in that kingdom, directed the 4th instant, was agreed and signed.

*Trade.
Memorial from the
Eastland Company.
Grievances at
Dantzick.
King of Denmark's
certificates for ships
passing the Sound.
Answer to Duke
of Queensberry.*

The secretary laid before their lordships a memorial he had received from the Eastland Company, relating to the grievances complained of by the merchants at Dantzick [fo. 44, 50], and to the King of Denmark's being willing to allow certificates to the British ships to pass through the Sound, without being search'd &c., which was read, and directions given for preparing an answer to the Duke of Queensberry's letter of the 22nd of the last month [fo. 50], mentioned in the minutes of the 27th ditto, touching the said certificates.

Colonel Lloyd attending, the reference from the Lord Dartmouth on the petition of several merchants trading to Jamaica, praying that Mr. John Blair [*fo.* 48, 51] may be appointed a member of the Council there (mentioned in the minutes of the 4th instant), was again read. Whereupon Colonel Lloyd acquainted their lordships that the said Blair had as good an estate as any on that island, was an ingenious man and universally esteemed there, and a person well affected to her Majesty's government; and Colonel Lloyd being withdrawn, their lordships gave directions for preparing an answer to the afore-mentioned reference from the Lord Dartmouth.

Then their lordships took into consideration the draughts of instructions to be given the Lord Archibald Hamilton [*fo.* 39, 51], for the government of Jamaica, and made a progress therein.

August 10. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

A letter to the Duke of Queensberry, in answer to his Grace's letter of the 22nd of the last month, relating to the King of Denmark's being willing to allow certificates [*fo.* 49], to the British ships passing through the Sound without being searched, directed at the last meeting, was signed.

Their lordships, taking into consideration another letter from his Grace, read the 27th of the last month, relating to some articles of commerce desired by the British inhabitants at Dantzick [*fo.* 49], and observing that Mr. Robinson, formerly her Majesty's Envoy at Sweden, was mentioned in the memorial referr'd to in his Grace's said letter; ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Robinson [*v. infra*], inclosing a copy of the said memorial, and that he be desired to give their lordships his thoughts thereupon.

A letter to the Lord Dartmouth upon the reference from his lordship, relating to Mr. Blair's being of the Council of Jamaica [*fo.* 49], directed at the last meeting, was signed.

Then their lordships proceeded in the consideration of the instructions to be given the Lord Archibald Hamilton [*fo.* 50, 52] for the government of Jamaica, went through the same, and ordered them to be transcribed.

August 25. Present:—Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter from Doctor Robinson, Dean of Windsor, dated the 16th instant, in answer to one writ him the 11th ditto, relating to several privileges desired by the British traders at Dantzick [*v. supra*], was read, and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board and are as follows, vizt.:

Doctor Robinson's observations upon the privileges desired of the town of Dantzick by the British traders residing there.

Treaty of commerce with the town of Dantzick, the $\frac{11}{23}$ October, 1706.

Whereupon the draught of a letter to the Duke of Queensberry upon his Grace's reference of the 22nd of the last month [*fo.* 43, 54], mentioned in the minutes of the 27th ditto, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

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Jamaica.

Colonel Lloyd.

Mr. Blair propos'd
of the Council.

Answer to
Lord Dartmouth.

Jamaica.

Lord Archibald
Hamilton's in-
structions.

Trade.

Letter to the Duke of
Queensberry.
King of Denmark's
certificates for ships
passing the Sound.

Articles of commerce
with Dantzick.

Letter to Doctor
Robinson.

Jamaica.

Letter to the
Lord Dartmouth.
New counsellor.

Instructions for
Lord Archibald
Hamilton.

Trade.

Dantzick.
Letter from Doctor
Robinson.

Papers therein
referr'd to.

Trade.

Letter to Duke of
Queensberry.

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Jamaica.

*Instructions.
Lord Archibald
Hamilton.
Letter to Lord
Dartmouth.*

*Letter from Lord
Dartmouth.
Memorial from Lord
Archibald Hamilton
about Act encouraging
the trade to
America.*

Plantations General.

*Letter to Colonel
Quary.*

Virginia.

*Letter from Colonel
Jennings.*

*Extract sent to
Mr. Burchet.*

Leeward Islands.

*Letter from
Lord Dartmouth.
Oglethorp.
Illegal trade.*

*Papers therein
referr'd to.*

Answer.

Trade.

*Dantzick.
Letter to the Duke
of Queensberry.*

Jamaica.

*Letter to Lord
Dartmouth.
Act about trade to
America.*

Virginia.

*Letter to Colonel
Spotswood.*

Barbadoes.

*Letter from three of
the Council.
Complaints against
Mr. Crow.*

New York.

*Letter from Colonel
Hunter.*

Barbadoes.

*Letter from Mr.
Lillington.*

Their lordships, taking into consideration the draughts of instructions to the Lord Archibald Hamilton for the government of Jamaica [fo. 51, 59], mentioned in the minutes of the tenth instant, a letter to the Lord Dartmouth inclosing the same, was signed.

A letter from the Lord Dartmouth of the 12th instant, referring to the Board a memorial from the Lord Archibald Hamilton relating to the Act for encouraging the trade to America [fo. 54], was read, and the draught of a letter thereupon was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

The draught of a letter to Colonel Quary, Surveyor General of the Customs [fo. 33], as directed the 12th of the last month, was also agreed and ordered to be sent.

A letter from Colonel Jennings, President of the Council of Virginia (without date), was read; whereupon ordered that paragraph B, giving an account of the damage done by the French privateers, as also paragraph C, relating to her Majesty's ship *Enterprise* [fo. 56], and paragraph D, touching the want of a 4th rate man-of-war there &c., be sent to Mr. Burchet, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

A letter from the Lord Dartmouth of the 11th instant, referring to the Board a letter from Mr. Oglethorp, dated at Antego the 19th of May, 1710, relating to illegal trade carry'd on in the Leeward Islands [fo. 10, 56], was read, as were also the papers therein referr'd to, which are as follows:—

Letter from Richard Oglethorp of the 19th May, 1710, relating to illegal trade carried on in the Leeward Islands &c.

Copies of several letters to Captain Rogers from the owners of the ship of which he was commander, contain[ing] instructions relating to the said ship &c.

Whereupon directions were given for preparing the draught of an answer to his lordship's foresaid reference.

August 28. Present:—Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter to the Duke of Queensberry, relating to the priviledges desired by the British traders at Dantzick [fo. 52], agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

A letter to the Lord Dartmouth upon the memorial from the Lord Archibald Hamilton [fo. 52], relating to the Act for encouraging the trade to America, agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

A letter to Colonel Spotswood, Governor of Virginia, agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

A letter from Mr. Sharp, Mr. Walker and Mr. Beresford, dated the 13th of May, 1710, referring to their proofs to the articles of complaint exhibited by them against Mr. Crow, late Governor of Barbadoes, was read.

A letter from Colonel Hunter, Governor of New York, of the 16th June, 1710, notifying his arrival there the 14th ditto, was read.

A letter from Mr. Lillington, President of the Council of Barbadoes, dated the 11th of June last [fo. 57], was read; and the

papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

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*Papers therein
referr'd to.*

Abstract of the proceedings in the government of Barbadoes since the departure of Mr. Crow from that island &c.

Memorial from several of the members of Council of Barbadoes to Mr. Lillington, President thereof, in answer to his speech and other matters relating to the government of that island.

Minutes of Council of Barbadoes of the 17th December, 1690, relating to the manner of choosing a treasurer &c. in the time that Colonel Kendal was governor.

Affidavit of Mr. Milles relating to the security offer'd to be given for Mr. Downs to be treasurer of Barbadoes.

Certificate from Mr. Skene, that the answer of the members of Council to Mr. Lillington's speech was deliver'd to him the 7th June, 1710.

Minutes of Council of Barbados from the 15th May, 1710, to the 7th June following.

Minutes of General Assembly of Barbadoes from 18th April, 1710, to the 7th June following.

Whereupon directions were given for preparing the draught of a letter to the Lord Dartmouth [fo. 57], relating to the disputes of the Council and Assembly of that island, upon account of the Excise Bill.

*Letter to Lord
Dartmouth.
Disputes about
Excise Bill.*

A letter to the Lord Dartmouth upon his lordship's reference relating to illegal trade carried on in the Leeward Islands [fo. 53], directed at the last meeting, was signed.

*Leeward Islands.
Illegal trade.
Letter to
Lord Dartmouth.*

August 29. Present :—Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter from Mr. Burchet, of yesterday's date, in answer to one from the secretary of the 26th ditto, signifying that the *Tryton's Prize* is gone to cruize between the capes in Virginia [fo. 53], with her Majesty's ship the *Enterprize*, already there, was read.

*Virginia.
Letter from Mr.
Burchet.
Guardships.*

A letter from the secretary to Mr. Lillington, President of the Council of Barbadoes [fo. 55, 200], acknowledging the receipt of one from him to their lordships, mentioned in yesterday's minutes, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

*Barbadoes.
Letter to Mr.
Lillington.*

A letter from Mr. Secretary Boyle of yesterday's date [fo. 60], referring to the Board extracts of several letters from Mr. D'Alais, her Majesty's secretary at Hanover, relating to a duty intended to be laid on foreign coarse cloths imported into the Elector of Hanover's dominions, was read; whereupon ordered that a state of that matter be sent to the Hamburg Company [fo. 59], to know what they have to offer thereupon as soon as may be.

*Trade.
Letter from Mr.
Secretary Boyle.
Extracts of letters
from Hanover.
Duty on coarse
woollen cloaths.
Letter to the
Hamburg Company.*

August 30. Present :—Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter to the Lord Dartmouth upon a letter from Mr. Lillington, President of the Council of Barbadoes [fo. 56, 60, 72], relating to a dispute arisen between the Council and Assembly of that island touching the nomination of a treasurer in the Excise Bill &c., as directed the 28th instant, was signed.

*Barbadoes.
Letter to Lord
Dartmouth.
Dispute about
Excise Bill.*

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New York.
Virginia.*Letter to Colonel
Hunter and Colonel
Spotswood.
Commissions to
privateers.***Trade.***Letter from Lord
Dartmouth.
Petition of Loriners.*

Letters to Colonel Hunter, Governor of New York, and to Colonel Spotswood, Governor of Virginia, relating to commissions to be granted to private ships of war in the plantations, were signed.

A letter from the Lord Dartmouth of the 21st instant, referring to the Board a petition from the Company of Loriners to her Majesty [fo. 60], praying to be incorporated, together with a report of Mr. Justice Eyre, late Solicitor General, thereupon &c., was read; whereupon ordered that when any of the persons concerned in the said petition do call at the office, they have notice to come prepared with proofs to make good their allegations therein set forth.

September 7. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

Barbadoes.
*Order of Council.
Address from the
Assembly about
illegal proceedings of
Court of Grand
Sessions.*

An Order of Council of the 26th of January, 1709, referring to the Board an address from the Assembly of Barbadoes to her Majesty [fo. 60, 86], touching the illegal proceedings of the Court of Grand Sessions in that island, was read, and directions given for looking out all the papers in this office relating to that matter, in order to the laying the same before the Board.

Jamaica.
Barbadoes.
Maryland.
*Order of Council.
Draughts of commis-
sions for Governors.*

Copy of an Order of Council of the 31st of July last, approving the draughts of commissions for the Governors of Jamaica, Barbadoes and Maryland [fo. 40, 41, 43], and directing the Lord Dartmouth to prepare the same for her Majesty's royal signature, was read.

Leeward Islands.
*Letter from Colonel
Park.*

A letter from Colonel Park, Governor of the Leeward Islands, dated the 8th June last [fo. 67], was read, and directions given for preparing an answer thereunto.

Barbadoes.
*Letter from
Lord Dartmouth.
Difference between
the Council and
Assembly. Excise
Bill.*

Letter from the Lord Dartmouth of the 4th instant, relating to the representation about a dispute between the Assembly and Council of Barbadoes [fo. 35], concerning the naming of a treasurer for that island &c., was read.

Trade.*Memorial from
Hamburgh Company.
Duty on coarse woollen
cloaths at Hannover.
Answer to Mr.
Secretary Boyle.*

September 11. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

A memorial from the Hamburgh Company, in answer to the letter writ them the 30th of the last month [fo. 57], relating to a duty intended to be laid by the Elector of Hannover upon coarse woollen cloaths imported into his dominions, was read, and directions given for preparing an answer to the reference from Mr. Secretary Boyle upon that subject [fo. 57, 63], mentioned in the minutes of the 29th of the last month.

Barbadoes.
*Letter from Mr.
Lillington, President
of the Council.*

A letter from Mr. Lillington, President of the Council of Barbadoes, dated the 25th of June, 1710, relating to the Excise Bill, and to several addresses from the Grand Jury of that island &c. [fo. 58], was read, together with the papers therein referr'd to, which are as follows, vizt.:

*Papers therein
referr'd to.*

Copies of addresses to her Majesty, the President of the Council of Barbadoes, and to three of the members thereof, from the Grand Jury of that island.

Proceedings of the Court of Grand Sessions in Barbadoes, begun the 13th June, 1710, and ended the 16th ditto.

Minutes of the Council of Barbadoes of the 13th of June, 1710.

And their lordships gave directions for preparing an answer to the said letter, as soon as her Majesty's pleasure shall be known upon their letter to the Lord Dartmouth of the 30th of August, concerning the dispute between the Council and Assembly of Barbadoes [*fo.* 57, 63], about the nomination of a treasurer in the fore-mention'd Excise Bill.

A letter from Major-General Handasyd, Governor of Jamaica, dated the 9th of June, 1710, relating to a murder committed there, was read, and several minutes of the Council and Assembly, and Acts therewith transmitted were laid before the Board, which are as follows, vizt. :

Minutes of the Council of Jamaica from the 16th June, 1709, to the 5th of April following.

Minutes of Council in Assembly at Jamaica from the 1st March, 170⁹/₁₀, to the 5th of April following.

Minutes of the Assembly of Jamaica from the 1st of March, 170⁹/₁₀, to the 31st following.

Four Acts past at a General Assembly in Jamaica the 5th of April, 1710.

Another letter from Major-General Handasyd, dated the 22nd July, 1710, was read, as likewise the copy of a proclamation there inclosed for pardoning several pirats &c.; whereupon ordered that the draught of an answer to this and the foregoing letter be prepared.

A letter from Colonel Parke, Governor of the Leeward Islands, dated the 30th of June, 1710, relating to the complaints against him, and signifying his intention of coming home with the first man-of-war, was read.

An Order of Council of the 28th of August, 1710, upon the reports from the principal officers of the ordnance &c., relating to Mr. Kemey's proposal for building a fort in the river of Kilmare in Ireland [*fo.* 64], respitting any determination thereupon, untill this Board have consider'd the resolutions of the Commons of Ireland &c. about a redoubt to be built in the island of Valentia, and directing their lordships to report their opinion upon the said two memorials with regard to the security of her Majesty's ships, and those of her subjects coming upon that coast, was read; whereupon ordered that Mr. Hyde, Mr. Harris, and Mr. Milner be writ to for their opinion in relation to the said two forts, and that they be desired to let their lordships have it on Wednesday next.

Upon consideration of the reference from the Lord Dartmouth on the petition of the Company of Loriners of London, praying to be incorporated [*fo.* 58, 63], mention'd in the minutes of the 30th of the last month, order'd that Mr. Kendall, a Lorriner, in St. Martin's Lane, have notice to attend the Board on Wednesday morning next.

September 13. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

A letter to Mr. Secretary Boyle, in answer to his of the 28th of last month [*fo.* 60], referring to the Board the extracts of several letters from her Majesty's secretary at Hanover, relating to a duty to be laid on coarse woollen cloaths imported into his Electoral

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Answer.

Excise Bill.

Jamaica.

Letter from Major-General Handasyd.

*Papers therein
referr'd to.*

*Letter from Major
General Handasyd.
Proclamation.
Pirates.*

Leeward Islands.

*Letter from
Colonel Parke.
Complaints.*

Ireland.

*Order of Council.
Forts in Kilmare
and at Valentia.*

*Opinion of
merchants desired.*

Trade.

Loriners.

*Mr. Kendal sum-
mon'd.*

Trade.

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Boyle.
Duty on coarse
woollen cloaths in
Hanover.*

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Highness's dominions, directed yesterday to be prepared, was now agreed and signed.

Barbadoes.
Letter from Mr.
Lillington.
Minutes of Assembly.

A letter from Mr. Lillington, President of the Council of Barbadoes, to the secretary, dated the 9th of July, 1710, together with the minutes of the Assembly of that island of the 27th of June foregoing, relating to the Excise Bill and other matters [*fo.* 60, 65], were read.

Trade.
Mr. Kendal, &c.
Loriners.

Mr. Kendal and others attending, as desired, in relation to the petition of the Company of Loriners [*fo.* 62, 68], they were acquainted with the purport thereof ; who declared their opinion that the charter of incorporation pray'd for in the said petition, would be of advantage to the Company in excluding all foreigners, that is such as should not serve an apprenticeship of seven years to the profession ; whereupon ordered that the petitioners have notice to attend the Board on Tuesday morning next.

Petitioners
summon'd.

Ireland.
Mr. Perry, Hyde,
Harris, &c.

Mr. Perry, Captain Hyde and Mr. Harris attending, as they had been desired, and Mr. Keymes being also present, the Board desired to know of those gentlemen their opinion whether a redoubt or barrack on the island of Valentia, or a fort in the river of Kilmare [*fo.* 62] (as proposed by Mr. Kemeys) would be most advantageous for the security of her Majesty's ships, and those of her subjects. Whereupon they all agreed that a redoubt at Valentia would certainly be of advantage, in regard it might protect such merchant ships as should be chased in there by French privateers, but they said there was not water enough in the harbour to receive her Majesty's ships of war, that a fort in the river Kilmare, as proposed by Mr. Kemeys, was preferable for the following reasons ; first, the river Kilmare, being to the southward of Valentia, lies more in the way of our homeward bound ships from the plantations, and other parts of the western navigation, and will be more easily made, when such ships shall be in danger of the enemy, or by stress of weather be forced upon the coast. Secondly, the harbour in the river of Kilmare is capacious and fit to receive ships of any burthen, and may be made very secure, having but one deep and narrow entrance, which will be commanded by the fort proposed. Thirdly, though there will require almost the same wind to come out of Kilmare as out of Valentia harbours, yet, by reason of the breadth of Kilmare river, the boldness of its shores, the strong current that runs there at ebb, the coming out from thence is much easier and safer. Fourthly, the harbour of Kilmare is preferable from the fertility of the lands adjacent, from which ships at any time may be supply'd with fresh provisions, which, after long voyages, they frequently stand in need of. These gentlemen being withdrawn, their lordships gave directions for preparing the draught of a representation upon the Order of Council of the 28th of the last month [*fo.* 66], upon this matter mentioned in the minutes of the 11th instant.

Fortifications at
Kilmare and Valentia.

Draught of
representation.

Barbadoes.
Letter from
Committee of
Assembly.
Treasurer.
Excise Bill.

A letter from three of the members of the Assembly of Barbadoes [*fo.* 63, 349], appointed a committee for correspondence, relating to the dispute between that House and the Council about nominating a treasurer in the Excise Bill, dated the 9th of July, 1710, was read.

September 15. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

A representation upon the Order of Council of the 28th of August, 1710, relating to the building a fort in the river Kilmare and a redoubt in the island of Valentia [*fo.* 65], on the coast of Ireland, directed at the last meeting to be prepared, was signed.

An Order of Council of the 28th of August, 1710, upon a report from Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor General, and a representation of this Board of the 2nd of February, 1708, relating to her Majesty's taking the Bahama Islands into her immediate protection, and directing their lordships to consider of, and propose the best and most effectual ways for the speedy putting in execution, what is offered in their said representation, was read ; whereupon ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Graves, collector of the Customs at Bahama Islands [*fo.* 71], to desire he will consult with such persons as he thinks best acquainted with the state and condition of them, and let the Board have as soon as possible their joint opinion what may be the best method for facilitating the settlement of the said islands with regard to the advantages of trade, and the security of the inhabitants and shipping there.

An Order of Council of the 11th of May, 1710, referring to the Board and to her Majesty's Attorney or Solicitor General the petition of Wait Winthrop and others in behalf of themselves and the rest of the associated proprietors of that part of the Narraganset country in New England [*fo.* 109], called the mortgage lands &c., praying her Majesty's confirmation of their grant of those lands, whereof they have been deprived by persons settling thereon without right, was read ; and thereupon ordered that the agent who solicits this affair on the part of the petitioners have notice to attend the Board.

The draught of a letter to Major-General Handasyd, Governor of Jamaica, directed the 11th instant to be prepared, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

The draught of a letter to Colonel Parke, Governor of the Leeward Islands [*fo.* 59, 68], was likewise agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

September 19. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

A letter to Colonel Parke, and a letter to Major-General Handasyd [*fo.* 67], as agreed at the last meeting, were signed.

Sir James Bateman, with several members of the Company of Loriners, attending, their petition praying to be incorporated by charter [*fo.* 63, 69], mentioned in the minutes of the 13th instant, was again read ; and these gentlemen being asked several questions, they said in substance as follows :—

That at first their Company consisted only of such as made spurs and bits for bridles, but the easy terms upon which a freedom in that Company is obtained have occasioned

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Ireland.
*Forts in Kilmare
and at Valentia.*

Bahamas.
Order of Council.

*Settlement of
those islands.*

Letter to Mr. Graves.

New England.
Proprieties.
Order of Council.
Petition of
Mr. Winthrop.
Narraganset country.

Agent summon'd.

Jamaica.
*Letter to Major-
General Handasyd.*

Leeward Islands.
Letter to
Colonel Parke.

Leeward Islands.
Letter to
Colonel Parke.

Jamaica.
*Letter to Major-
General Handasyd.*

Trade.
*Sir James Bateman
and others.*
Loriners.

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persons of other trades, as merchants, founders, warehouse keepers, blacksmiths &c., to become members thereof ; so that at present, there are very few that are really Loriners of that Company. The reason why they desire to be incorporated is that they may have power to make by-laws and to put the same in execution, as also to oblige the members to pay their contribution towards the charge of their hall, and other incident expences, which though it be but small (vizt., sixpence a quarter for every member), several persons have refused to pay, because the Company at present have not power to exact the same. They declared that they did not intend to demand the said contribution of any persons, but of such as were free of the Company.

*Turner, Shuttleworth
and Banks
summon'd.*

Then, being asked who the persons were that had refused to pay as aforesaid, they named John Turner, a cuttler in Westminster, Peter Shuttleworth at Charing Cross, and Robert Banks, a distiller, in Thames Street [fo. 68, 70]. The gentlemen being withdrawn, ordered that the three persons above-mentioned have notice to attend the Board on Thursday morning next.

Maryland.
*Reference from Lord
Dartmouth. Petition
of Mr. Seymour for
the Queen's share of
1s. per hogshead on
tobacco.
Memorial from him
thereupon.*

A reference from the Lord Dartmouth, upon the petition of Mr. Seymour, son of Colonel Seymour, late Governor of Maryland, praying for a grant of her Majesty's share of the duty of one shilling per hogshead on tobacco exported out of that province between his said father's death and the date of a new Governor's commission [fo. 84, 378], was read ; as likewise a memorial from the said Mr. Seymour on the same subject ; whereupon ordered that he be desired to produce what proofs he has to the several allegations in his said petition and memorial.

September 22. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

Trade.
*Loriners.
Mr. Turner and
Shuttleworth.*

Mr. John Turner and Mr. Peter Shuttleworth attending [fo. 69, 72], as they had been desired, they were acquainted with the substance of the petition from the Company of Loriners to her Majesty (mentioned in the minutes at the last meeting), and being asked if they had any objections to what was desired by the said petition, they said that they had none ; and being withdrawn, their lordships gave directions for preparing the draught of a representation thereupon.

*Representation upon
petition of Loriners.*

Virginia.
*Mr. Bird's name
omitted among those
of the Council.
Letter to
Lord Dartmouth
thereupon.*

Their lordships being inform'd that Mr. Bird, a member of the Council of Virginia, had been left out of the instructions to the Lord Orkney, by the omission of the transcriber thereof, a letter to the Lord Dartmouth, proposing the said Bird's being re-instated in the same rank and precedency he formerly enjoyed in the said Council, was signed.

Bahamas.
Mr. Graves, &c.

Mr. John Graves, with Mr. John James, attending [fo. 67], in relation to her Majesty's taking the Bahama Islands into her protection, as mentioned in the minutes of the 15th instant, they presented to their lordships a memorial of what would be necessary for fortifying and securing the said islands, which was read ; and Mr. Graves added that he had received advice that the Spaniards had carry'd away from Providence most of the guns they found

*Memorial about
settlement of those
islands.*

there, and that they had spikt up those which remained on the place; and directions were given for preparing the draught of a representation thereupon [fo. 72].

A memorial from Mr. Micajah Perry and other merchants trading to Maryland [fo. 72], praying that an instruction be given to the Governor of that province, not to pass any law relating to navigation and commerce unless a sufficient time be allowed in such law, before its commencement, so that her Majesty's pleasure may be known thereupon, was read; and directions given for preparing the draught of a clause to be added to Colonel Corbet's instructions accordingly.

Then their lordships taking into consideration the said instructions [fo. 71, 72], made a progress therein, and ordered that Mr. Micajah Perry and Mr. John Hyde have notice to attend the Board on Tuesday morning next, in relation to the filling up the vacancies that are at present in the Council of the said province.

September 26. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

A letter to the Lord Dartmouth upon the petition of the Lorinors, London [fo. 70], to her Majesty, praying to be incorporated into a Company, directed at the last meeting, was signed.

A representation relating to her Majesty taking the Bahama Islands into her protection [fo. 71, 77], also directed at the last meeting, was signed.

A letter from the Lord Dartmouth of the 25th September, 1710, inclosing a report from the Attorney and Solicitor General [fo. 57, 81], relating to the disputes in Barbadoes about the choice of a treasurer, and directing their lordships to attend the Queen this day in Council thereupon, being read, their lordships went to attend her Majesty accordingly.

October 17. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

A letter from Mr. Secretary St. John of the 10th instant, referring to the Board the project of a convention with the city of Hamburgh, relating to the herring trade between Scotland and the said city [fo. 74], was read; whereupon ordered that the secretary send a translation of the said project to Mr. Baillie, and signify their lordships' desire that he would please to inform himself the best he can, by the merchants in Scotland concerned in that trade, what advantage or prejudice they conceive may arise to this kingdom from such a convention, and to give the Board an account thereof as soon as possible. In the meantime their lordships resolved to consult the merchants in London, trading in herrings from Scotland to Hamburgh, upon this subject, and gave directions for writing to Mr. James Campbell to know the names of such of them as are now in town.

October 19. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore.

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Representation.

Maryland.
*Memorial from
 Mr. Perry, &c.
 about passing laws
 relating to navigation
 and commerce.*

*Clause in Colonel
 Corbet's instructions
 thereupon.*

Maryland.
*Instructions con-
 sider'd.*

*Merchants summon'd
 about vacancies in
 the Council.*

Trade.
*Lorinors.
 Letter to the Lord
 Dartmouth.*

Bahamas.
*Representation.
 Settlement of those
 islands.*

Barbadoes.
*Letter from
 Lord Dartmouth.
 Attorney and
 Solicitor General's
 report upon disputes
 about choice of a
 treasurer.
 Board attend
 the Queen.*

Trade.
*Letter from Mr.
 Secretary St. John.
 Project of convention
 with Hamburgh about
 herring trade from
 Scotland.
 Letter to Mr. Baillie.*

*Merchants to be
 consulted.*

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Miscellanies.*Mr. Moore with a
new commission.***Trade.***Herrings.
Convention with
Hamburgh.**Mr. Stratford and
Mr. Cootes consulted
thereupon.***Maryland.***Instructions for
Colonel Corbet.
Mr. Perry and Mr.
Hyde about vacancies
in the Council.*

A new commission under the Great Seal of the kingdom, dated the 4th instant, appointing Arthur Moore, esquire, one of her Majesty's Commissioners of Trade and Plantations, was read, and he took his place at the Board accordingly.

Their lordships again taking into consideration the reference from Mr. Secretary St. John, mentioned in the minutes of 17th instant, relating to a project of a convention with the town of Hamburgh [fo. 73, 76], touching the herring trade between Scotland and that place; ordered that a copy of the said project be sent to Mr. Francis Stratford as likewise to Mr. Cootes, for their opinion thereupon in writing on Tuesday morning next.

The draught of instructions to Colonel Corbet for the government of Maryland, mentioned in the minutes of the 22nd September last [fo. 72, 76], was agreed and ordered to be transcribed. Further ordered that Mr. Perry and Mr. Hyde have notice to attend the Board on Tuesday morning next, in relation to the filling up the vacancies in the Council of the said province.

October 24. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore.

Letter from Colonel Hunter, Governor of New York, dated the 24th of July, 1710, was read, and directions given for preparing the draught of a letter to the Lord Dartmouth upon paragraph E of the said letter, relating to the mistake in the Christian names of two of the members of the Council of that province [fo. 83], and that the draught of a representation [fo. 83] be also prepared for laying before her Majesty what he writes in the latter part of paragraph G in the same letter, relating to patentees seating their lands in three years after the dates of their grants.

A letter from Mr. Bridger, Surveyor General of her Majesty's woods &c [fo. 80], dated the 26th of July, 1710, about his being to go to Hudson's River in order to the settling of the Palatines on proper land &c., was read, and orders given for answering the same.

Mr. Perry and Mr. Hyde attending, and being acquainted that there were three vacancies in the Council of Maryland [fo. 74], they recommended to their lordships, Mr. Philemon Lloyd, Mr. Richard Tilghman and Mr. John Dorsey as persons fitly qualify'd to fill up the said vacancies; whereupon ordered that the said three names be incerted in the said instructions prepared for Colonel Corbet, Governor of that province.

Mr. Stratford attending, as he had been desired, the 19th instant, he presented to their lordships a memorial relating to the project of a convention with the city of Hamburgh [fo. 74, 88], touching the trade of herrings to that place from Scotland, setting forth the great advantages that will arise from such a treaty to her Majesty's subjects, particularly those that trade from North Britain &c., which was read.

Mr. Cootes also attending, as he had been desired, in relation to the said convention [fo. 74, 88], and being asked several questions thereupon, he said that he had discoursed with Mr. Stratford upon that subject, and intirely concurr'd with him therein, and added

New York.*Letter from
Colonel Hunter.
Letter to the
Lord Dartmouth
about mistake of
counsellors' names.
Draught of repre-
sentation about
patentees seating
their lands.**Letter from Mr.
Bridger. Settlement
of Palatines.***Maryland.***Mr. Perry and
Mr. Hyde.
Counsellors.***Trade.***Mr. Stratford.
Memorial about the
herring trade to
Hamburgh.**Mr. Cootes upon the
same affair.*

that he had written to his correspondents in North Britain, concerned in the herring trade, for a further account, and promised that so soon as he should receive an answer thereunto (which he expected in a short time), he would communicate the same to their lordships.

A letter from Colonel Quarry, Surveyor General of her Majesty's Customs in America, to Mr. Pulteney, dated the 5th of July, 1710, relating to Colonel Hunter's having publish'd his commission at New Jersey, and in a great measure composed the animosities there, that everything is in readiness, at Boston in New England, for Colonel Nicholson's expedition &c., was read; and directions were given for preparing an answer to the said letter [fo. 80].

A letter from Mr. Burchet, of the 12th of October, 1710, inclosing the copy of a letter from Captain Smith, commander of her Majesty's ship the *Enterprize* [fo. 72, 113], relating to the present state of the Bahama Islands, was read.

A reference from the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury of the 13th instant, upon a petition of Mr. Thomas Day to her Majesty, together with other papers relating to a house built by Mr. Samuel Day, formerly Governor of Bermuda [fo. 85], praying a grant of the ground on which the said house stands, was read; whereupon ordered that the papers in this office, relating to that matter, be laid before their lordships.

October 25. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore.

The draught of a letter to Colonel Hunter, Governor of New York [fo. 84], was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

A letter from Colonel Ingoldesby, dated at New York the 15th of March, 1710, was read, and the papers therewith transmitted laid before the Board, which are as follow, vizt.:

Address from the Assembly of New York to Colonel Ingoldesby, about defence of the frontiers.

Minutes of Council in Assembly of New Jersey, from the 30th of November, 1709, to the 31st of January, 170⁹/₁₀.

Minutes of the Assembly of New Jersey, from the 31st of November, 1709, to the 31st of January, 170⁹/₁₀.

Acts past at a General Assembly of New Jersey.

Whereupon their lordships gave directions for an addition to be made to the fore-mentioned letter to Colonel Hunter, relating to the abovesaid Acts.

A letter from the President and Council of Maryland, dated the 2nd of February, 170⁹/₁₀ [fo. 83, 91], was read, and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follows:—

Address from the Council and Assembly of Maryland to her Majesty against the Governor's keeping the seal of that province.

Address from the General Assembly of Maryland to her Majesty, relating to Sir Thomas Lawrence's claim to the ordinary licences in that province &c.

Address from the General Assembly of Maryland to her Majesty, relating to two Acts repealed by her Majesty, the one about

1710.

The sentiments of his correspondents in Scotland expected.

**New York.
New Jersey.**
Letter from Colonel Quarry.

To be answered.

Bahamas.
Letter from Mr. Burchet with copy of one from Captain Smith about the state of those islands.

Bermuda.
Reference from the Treasury on Mr. Day's petition.

New York.
Letter to Colonel Hunter.
Letter from Colonel Ingoldesby.

Papers therein referr'd to.

Addition to the letter to Colonel Hunter.

Maryland.
Letter from the President and Council.

Papers therein referr'd to.

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Gauge of tobacco hoggsheads, the other against Cropping and defacing the same, as also to an Act against Devulgers of false news.

Journal of the Committee of Accounts, from October 25th to November 10th, 1709.

Minutes of the Council of Maryland, from the 25th of October to the 12th of November, 1709.

Minutes of the Assembly of Maryland from the 26th of October to the 11th of November, 1709.

Acts past in Maryland in November, 1709.

Maryland.
*Acts pass'd
irregularly by the
Council.
Draught of repre-
sentation for
repealing them.*

Virginia.
*Letter from
Colonel Spotswood,
Extract about illegal
trade to be sent to the
Custom House.*

*Another about
guardships sent
Mr. Burchet.*

New York.
Letter to Mr. Bridger.

*Letter to Colonel
Quary.*

Jamaica.
*Order of Council on
instructions for
Lord Archibald
Hamilton.*

Barbadoes.
*Order of Council.
Mr. Lowther's in-
structions.
Order on representa-
tion. Choice of a
treasurer at Barbadoes.*

*Letter from Mr.
Lillington,
President of the
Council.*

*Papers therein
referr'd to.*

And their lordships, observing that the passing of the above-mentioned Acts after the death of Colonel Seymour, late Governor, by the whole Council as Governor in chief, is contrary to the method prescribed by her Majesty's instructions, the draught of a representation proposing her Majesty's disapprobation of the said Acts was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

A letter from Colonel Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, dated the 18th of August last, was read; whereupon ordered that paragraph M of the said letter, relating to illegal trade carry'd on between her Majesty's plantations, and the islands of Curacoa and St. Thomas, be sent to Mr. Carkess for the information of the Commissioners of her Majesty's Customs; and that so much of paragraphs M, N, P and Q as relates to guardships for the said colony be transmitted to Mr. Burchet [fo. 87], to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

A letter to Mr. Bridger, in answer to his of the 26th of July last [fo. 75], mentioned in the minutes of the 24th instant, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

A letter to Colonel Quary, in answer to his of the 5th of July last [fo. 77], directed the 24th instant, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

October 26. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore.

Copy of an Order of Council of the 28th of August, 1710, approving the draughts of instructions for the Lord Archibald Hamilton for the government of Jamaica, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council of the 28th of August, 1710, approving the draughts of instructions for Mr. Lowther [fo. 43] to be Governor of Barbadoes, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council of the 26th of September upon a representation of the 30th of August last, relating to the disputes that have arisen in Barbadoes about the choice of a treasurer [fo. 72, 200], directing that the Assembly have the nomination of that officer &c., was read.

A letter from Mr. Lillington, President of the Council of Barbadoes, dated the first August, 1710, was read, and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

List of negroes &c. in the island of Barbadoes.

List of christnings and burials in Barbadoes from the 1st January, 170²/₁₀, to the last of July following.

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List of persons' names proposed by Mr. Lillington to fill up the vacancies that may happen in the Council of Barbadoes. A memorial from Mr. Hodges, Attorney General of Barbadoes, relating to the behaviour of the provost marshal of that island by his deputies there.

Lists of the fees taken by the several patent officers in Barbadoes.

Lists of causes in the several Courts of Barbadoes in July, August, &c., 1710.

Account of stores in the magazine in Barbadoes to the 1st July, 1710.

Naval officers' list of ships from the 25th December, 1709, to the 24th March, 1710.

Naval officers' list of ships from the 25th March, 1710, to the 24th June following.

Minutes of Council of Barbadoes from the 15th May, 1710, to 11th July following.

Minutes of Assembly of Barbadoes from the 19th May, 1710, to the 11th July following.

Whereupon an answer to the said letter was agreed and signed.

A letter from Colonel Park, Governor of the Leeward Islands, dated the first of August, 1710, about Mr. Nevin's having finish'd the affidavits against him of his unfair proceedings in the manner of taking the same &c., was read.

A letter to the Lord Dartmouth, relating to a mistake in the counsellors' names in the instructions to Colonel Hunter [fo. 75], Governor of New York, was signed.

A representation upon what Colonel Hunter writes in his letter of the 24th of July last, mentioned in the minutes of the 24th instant [fo. 75], relating to patentees seating their lands in three years after the dates of their grants, was agreed and signed.

A representation upon the laws past in Maryland in November, 1709 (No. 20), transmitted with the letter from the President and Council of that province [fo. 79], dated the 2nd of February, 170⁹/₁₀, proposing her Majesty's disallowance of the said laws, was signed.

A letter to Mr. Lloyd, President of the Council of Maryland, signifying to him that their lordships have laid the fore-mentioned laws before her Majesty for her disapprobation of them, and inclosing a copy of the additional instructions to the late Colonel Seymour, relating to the devolution of government, was signed.

A letter from Mr. Crow, dated in May, 1710, inclosing the receipt of Captain Hamilton, commander of her Majesty's ship the *Greenwich*, for the old seal of Barbadoes, was read.

A letter to Colonel Hunter, Governor of New York [fo. 78], agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

A letter to Colonel Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, was agreed and signed.

October 27. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore

*Answer to Mr.
Lillington.*

Leeward Islands.
*Letter from
Colonel Parke.*

New York.
*Letter to Lord
Dartmouth.
Mistake of counsellors'
names in instructions.
Representation about
patentees seating
lands.*

Maryland.
*Representation upon
laws.*

*Letter to the
President of the
Council thereupon.*

Barbadoes.
*Letter from Mr.
Crow. Old seal of
the island.*

New York.
*Letter to Colonel
Hunter.*

Virginia.
*Letter to Colonel
Spotswood.*

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Maryland.

*Reference from the Lord
Dartmouth on Mr.
Seymour's petition
for a share of the duty
of 1s. per hogshead
on tobacco.*

*Mr. Seymour's
memorial.
Extract of a letter
from Mrs. Contee.*

*Account of that duty
to be procured, &c.*

Bermuda.

*Reference from the
Treasury on Mr.
Day's petition.*

Mr. Nodin summon'd.

Jamaica.

Escheats.

Representation.

*Draught of letter to
Lord Archibald
Hamilton.
Act about fees.*

Plantations General.

*Letter from officers
of the Ordnance.
Stores for the
Plantations.*

Answer.

Barbadoes.

*Order of Council.
Address from the
Assembly.*

*Proceedings of a
Court of Grand
Session against
Lillington.*

*Mr. Lowther,
Colonel Steward,
&c., summon'd.*

Plantations General.

*Letter to the
Board of Ordnance.*

The reference from the Lord Dartmouth upon the petition of Mr. Berkley Seymour, son of Colonel Seymour, late Governor of Maryland, deceased, praying for a grant of her Majesty's share of the duty of 1s. per hogshead on tobacco exported from the time of his father's death &c. [fo. 69, 378], together with the said Seymour's memorial relating thereto, read the 19th of September last, were again consider'd, and the petitioner attending, he presented to their lordships an extract of a letter from Mrs. Contee to him, dated the 20th of April, 1710, setting forth that having received bills for the duties payable to his father on the clearings of several ships in Potomack, Colonel Lloyd had taken these bills out of her hands, which was read; he added that several other bills had likewise been taken out of his mother's hands; whereupon he was directed to get an account of what that duty would have amounted to, if the same had been paid, and likewise to lay before their lordships what other proofs he could procure to the allegations in his petition.

The reference from the Commissioners of the Treasury of the 13th instant, upon the petition of Mr. Thomas Day [fo. 77, 88, 94], touching the grant of a peice of ground in Bermuda, read the 24th instant, was again taken into consideration, as also the proceedings of a Court of Exchequer held in that island the 1st of December, 1701, relating thereunto (*Bun. F, No. 7*); whereupon ordered that Mr. Nodin have notice to attend the Board on Tuesday morning next.

Their lordships then took into consideration paragraph J of Major-General Handasyd's letter of the 14th of June, 1709, read the 11th of November following, relating to escheats [fo. 87], and gave directions for preparing the draught of a representation thereupon.

The draught of a letter to the Lord Archibald Hamilton, relating to the Act past in Jamaica in January, 1703, for regulating fees, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

A letter from the Office of Ordnance, of yesterday's date, desiring to know if there be any demands now before this Board for any stores of war [fo. 87], to the end they may incert the charge thereof in estimates they are preparing to lay before the House of Commons, in order to obtain provision for the same, was read, and directions given for preparing an answer thereunto, signifying that there are no such demands before this Board.

The Order of Council of the 26th of January, 1709 [fo. 58], referring to their lordships an address from the Assembly of Barbadoes to her Majesty, relating to the illegal proceedings of the Court of Grand Sessions in favour of Mr. Walker against Mr. Lillington, mentioned in the minutes of the 7th instant, was again read; whereupon ordered that Mr. Lowther, Colonel Steward, Mr. William Heysham and Mr. Royle have notice to attend the Board on Wednesday morning next.

October 31. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore.

A letter to the principal officers of the Ordnance, in answer to one from them of the 26th instant [fo. 86], signifying to them

that there is no demand of ordnance stores from any of the plantations before their lordships, was signed.

A representation relating to escheats found for her Majesty in Jamaica in 1709 [*fo.* 85], agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

A letter to the Lord Archibald Hamilton, appointed Governor of Jamaica, relating to the Act past there in January, 1708, entitled *An Act for regulating fees*, enclosing a copy of the late Solicitor General's report upon the said Act, agreed at the last meeting, was sign'd.

A letter from Mr. Burchet, in answer to one writ him the 27th instant, upon an extract of a letter from Colonel Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia [*fo.* 80, 96], relating to guardships for that colony, was read, and directions given for preparing a letter to Colonel Spotswood to acquaint him with the purport of the said letter.

A letter from Mr. George Tilson to the secretary, of the 28th instant, relating to Mr. Wyche's pressing for her Majesty's directions on the convention about the herring trade at Hamburgh &c. [*fo.* 76, 90], was read; and their lordships taking again into consideration Mr. Secretary St. John's letter, and Mr. Stratford's memorial, touching that matter, mentioned in the minutes of the 17th and 24th instant, gave directions for preparing the draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary St. John's thereupon.

Mr. Ralph Nodin attending, as he had been desired, and being asked several questions in relation to the house built by Mr. Day at Bermuda [*fo.* 85], mentioned in the minutes of the 27th instant, he said that the ground on which that house stands is crown lands, and contains about half an acre, that it is at a little distance from the house the Governor now lives in; that though it was called a garden, he never heard that it was ever cultivated as such; that he does not beleive the building that house on that land is any inconveniency to the Governor; that he has heard it cost Mr. Day between 400*l.* and 500*l.*, and that it is much more convenient for the Governor's habitation than the house he now lives in, for which the island pays, as he had heard, 40*l.* per annum rent. Mr. Nodin being withdrawn, their lordships gave directions for preparing an answer to Mr. Lowndes's letter of the 13th instant, relating to the said house.

Mr. Penn attending, he presented to their lordships a letter from the Lord Dartmouth, referring to the Board a memorial from Mr. Penn [*fo.* 93], containing proposals for surrendering his government of Pennsylvania to her Majesty &c., was read; whereupon ordered that all the papers in this office relating to that affair be laid before their lordships.

Their lordships, taking into consideration the trade to Africa, ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. John Perry, secretary to the Royal African Company, for several of their accounts [*N. fo.* 314; *fo.* 109], relating to the trade, from Michaelmas, 1708, to Michaelmas, 1710; as also a letter to Mr. Richard Harris, inclosing several queries to be communicated to the separate traders to Africa, for their answers thereunto.

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*Stores for the
Plantations.*

Jamaica.
*Representation.
Escheats.*

*Letter to the Lord
Archibald Hamilton.
Act about fees.*

Virginia.
*Letter from Mr.
Burchet.
Guardships.
Letter to Colonel
Spotswood.*

Trade.
*Letter from Mr.
Tilson.
Herring trade to
Hamburgh.*

*Letter to Mr. Secretary
St. Johns.*

Bermuda.
*Mr. Nodin.
House built by
Mr. Day.*

*Answer to Mr.
Lowndes.*

Pennsylvania.
*Mr. Penn.
Reference from Lord
Dartmouth.
Surrender of that
Government.*

Trade.
*Africa. Letter to
Mr. Perry for ac-
counts of the company,
and to Mr. Harris
with queries to
separate traders*

1710.

November 1. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore.

Trade.
Hamburg.
Letter to Mr. Secretary
St. John.

A letter to Mr. Secretary St. John, relating to the herring trade at Hamburg [fo. 88, 115], as directed at the last meeting, was signed.

Barbadoes.
Mr. Lowther, Colonel
Steward, &c.
Reference on address
of Assembly about
Court of Grand
Sessions.

Mr. Lowther, Colonel Stewart and Mr. Royle attending, as they had been desired [fo. 86], the Order of Council of the 26th of January, 170⁹/₁₀, referring to the Board an address from the Assembly of Barbadoes to her Majesty relating to the illegal proceedings of the Court of Grand Sessions there, was read, as also a paper lately lodged in this office containing some regulations proposed for preventing irregularities in the Courts of Barbadoes ; whereupon Colonel Stewart acquainted their lordships that, besides what is mentioned in the last paper, there were several other things in the method of proceedings in the said Courts which required redress, and instanced in several particulars. These gentlemen being withdrawn, ordered that letters be writ to Colonel Stewart and Mr. Royle, desiring them to consult with such other persons as they think proper, and then to lay before their lordships in writing as particular an account as they can of such things in the proceedings of the said Courts, as are proper to be redress'd, and that at the same time they propose to their lordships what they conceive necessary for remedying the same.

Colonel Stewart, Mr.
Royle, &c. to propose
what they think
proper to be re-
dress'd, &c.

The three addresses from Maryland [fo. 79, 92], mentioned in the minutes of the 25th of the last month, vizt. :

Maryland.
Addresses to be
transmitted to the
Lord Dartmouth.

Address from the Council and Assembly of Maryland to her Majesty, against the Governor's keeping the seal of that province.

Address from the General Assembly of Maryland to her Majesty, relating to Sir Thomas Lawrence's claim to the ordinary licences in that province &c.

Address from the General Assembly of Maryland to her Majesty, relating to two Acts repealed by her Majesty, the one about *Gauge of tobacco hogsheads*, the other against *Cropping and defacing the same*, as also to *An Act against devulgers of false news*,

were now read ; whereupon ordered that the draught of a letter be prepared to the Lord Dartmouth, inclosing the said addresses, and desiring they may be laid before her Majesty for her pleasure thereupon. That, in case it shall be found necessary, instructions may be prepared for Colonel Corbet before his departure to Maryland.

November 3. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore.

Maryland.
Letter to
Lord Dartmouth.
Addresses.

A letter to the Lord Dartmouth, inclosing three addresses from the Council and Assembly of Maryland to her Majesty [fo. 91], directed at the last meeting, was signed.

Letter to
Lord Dartmouth.
Colonel Corbet's
instructions.

A letter to the Lord Dartmouth, inclosing the draught of instructions to Colonel Corbet for the government of Maryland, was signed.

A letter from the Duke of Queensberry of the 1st instant, with an extract of a letter from Mr. Pulteney, her Majesty's Envoy at Denmark, in relation to the stopping the passage of letters into Sweden &c. [fo. 94, 98], was read; whereupon ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Wordsworth, to desire him to consult with some of the merchants concerned in the trade to Sweden and the Baltick, and to let their lordships have his and their thoughts thereupon in writing on Wednesday morning next.

Their lordships took into consideration Mr. Penn's proposal for a surrender of his government of Pennsylvania, mentioned in the minutes of the 31st of the last month [fo. 98, 191], and agreed upon several queries to be sent to Mr. Penn for his particular answers thereunto [fo. 154], and ordered the same to be sent accordingly.

November 8. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore.

The Lord Baltimore being at the Board, his letter of the 7th of July last, relating to an Act (in the *Book of Maryland Laws, No. 18, folio 76*) [fo. 31], pass'd in that province the 15th of April, 1707, entituled *An Act requiring the agents of the Lord Baltemore to certify into the secretarie's office the instructions and conditions of plantations, with the fees by them demanded, and obliging his lordship's deputy surveyors to qualify themselves according to law*, was read, together with the said Act, the Assembly's reasons for passing the same, and his lordship's answers thereunto, and after some discourse with his lordship on the said Act, he withdrew; and the Board, taking that matter into further consideration, ordered that his lordship be acquainted that when he comes next to town, they shall be glad to discourse with him again upon that matter.

Mr. Day attending in relation to the house built by Mr. Samuel Day in Bermuda &c., mention'd in the minutes of the 31st of the last month [fo. 85, 88, 421], and being ask'd several questions thereupon, he said that he had been inform'd the building of the said house cost between 500*l.* and 600*l.* That it has been let for 20*l.* per annum, and added that he was willing to dispose of the said house for 200*l.* sterling; and he being withdrawn, their lordships gave directions for finishing the letter to Mr. Lowndes [fo. 95], directed the 31st of the last month.

A letter from Mr. Wordsworth, of this day's date, touching the stopping of the passage of letters into Sweden &c. [fo. 92], mention'd in the minutes at the last meeting, was read; and their lordships, finding that some matters in the said letter wanted explanation, ordered that the said Wordsworth be desired to attend their lordships to-morrow morning, and that he bring along with him some other of the gentlemen trading to Sweden.

An Order of Council of the 2nd instant, upon a representation of the 26th of the last month, proposing her Majesty's disallowance and disapprobation of the laws past in Maryland the 11th of November, 1709, approving the same, was read; whereupon a letter to the President of the Council of that province, inclosing the said order, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

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Trade.

*Letter from the Duke of Queensberry.**Letter from Mr.**Pulteney.**Stopp of letters into Sweden.**Letter to Mr.**Wordsworth for opinion of Swedish merchants.*

Pennsylvania.

*Mr. Penn's surrender.**Queries to him*

Maryland.

*Lord Baltimore.**Act relating to his Lordship's agents.*

Bermuda.

*Mr. Day.**His house at Bermuda.**Letter to Mr. Lowndes.*

Trade.

*Letter from Mr. Wordsworth. Stopp of letters to Sweden.**Mr. Wordsworth, &c. summon'd.*

Maryland.

*Order of Council. Acts repealed.**Letter to the President.*

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Bermuda.

*Letter to Mr.
Lowndes on Mr.
Day's petition.*

Maryland.

*Letter to the
President.
Order about laws.*

Virginia.

*Letter to Colonel
Spotswood.
Guard ships.*

Trade.

*Merchants about
correspondence
with Sweden,*

*and hardships on
vessels performing
quarantine.*

November 9. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Lowndes, in answer to his of the 13th of the last month upon Mr. Day's petition [*fo.* 94], mention'd in yesterday's minutes, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

A letter to the President of the Council of Maryland, inclosing her Majesty's Order in Council of the 2nd instant, repealing the laws past in that province in November, 1709, was signed.

A letter to Colonel Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, inclosing a copy of Mr. Burchet's letter relating to guardships &c. [*fo.* 87], mentioned in the minutes of the 31st of the last month, was signed.

Mr. Wordsworth, Mr. Joy, Mr. Tomlinson and Mr. Green (Swedish merchants) attending, as they had been desired yesterday, Mr. Wordsworth's letter, mentioned in yesterday's minutes, was again read. They all agreed with the first part of the said letter, vizt. : That the stopping of the passage of letters hither from Sweden will be a prejudice to their affairs there [*fo.* 94], though not so much in the winter as toward the spring, at which time they give their factors orders for providing cargoes for such ships as they intend to send thither. But, however, they hoped the King of Denmark might be prevailed with to permit the letters from hence to be carried from Copenhagen and landed at Helsingberg in Schonen, the sickness not being there. As for the return of their letters from Sweden, they said that since the war in the north, packet-boats have been established between Ydstad and Stralsund, from whence the letters come through Pomerania to Hamburg, and from thence hither, and therefore they desired that the King of Denmark might be moved to give directions to the captains of his men-of-war and privateers not to molest or interrupt the course of the said packet-boats. They added that the sickness in Sweden is now got as far as Stralsund.

As to the second part of the said Mr. Wordsworth's letter, which relates to the difficulties they lye under in obtaining liberty for their ships from Sweden to unload after they have performed quarentine, these merchants confirmed the same, and added that when their ships come to anchor, the captain of the man-of-war, appointed for a guardship at that place, sends every day during the 40 days on board the said merchants' ships ; after the expiration of 40 days, the Custom House officer there also views the said ship's crew ; then, oath being made of their health, the merchants are obliged to petition her Majesty in Council, from whence they are referr'd to the lords of the Treasury, which reference costs them 3*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* From the Treasury they are referred to the Commissioners of the Customs, which costs them 15*s.* ; the report of the Commissioners of the Customs back to the Treasury 15 shillings more ; then is obtained an Order of Council for delivery, which costs 2*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*, and a duplicate thereof from the Admiralty 30 shillings more. After this, the lords of the Treasury make an order to the Commissioners of the Customs, which costs 30 shillings ; then the Commissioners of the Customs' discharge fees, 15 shillings more. In the whole, 11*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.* for every ship, though never so

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small or her cargo inconsiderable. That they now sometimes petition before the quarantine is expired, and get a discharge of their ships by that time, but then it is very chargeable and burthensom to them ; that during the quarantine several seamen belonging to their ships are frequently permitted to come on shore, and even up to the town, which, were they sickly, would not be allow'd of ; that the ships that arrive at Lynn and Plymouth from Sweden do not make any quarantine before their delivery. For remedy of all which, they desired that the Custom House officer, at the several places where ships are obliged to perform quarantine, be impowered, after certificate produced to them of the ships having done the same, and oath made of the health of the crew, to permit such ships to sail into port, and to unlade according to the usual method, without staying for a determination upon the merchants' petition here.

These gentlemen being withdrawn, their lordships gave directions for preparing an answer to the Duke of Queensberry's letter of the first instant, relating to the stopping the passage of letters from Sweden [fo. 92, 99], in which answer notice is to be taken of the fore-mention'd complaint in relation to the quarantine, and a remedy to be offer'd for relief thereof.

Their lordships, taking into consideration their representation of the 19th of December, 1709, and the draught of an Act for preserving white pines or mast trees on the continent of America, ordered that the draught of a letter be prepared, inclosing to the Lord Dartmouth a copy of the said representation and Act, and desiring his lordship to receive her Majesty's pleasure thereupon.

November 10. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore.

A letter to the Duke of Queensberry upon the extract of a letter from Mr. Pulteney, her Majesty's Envoy at the Court of Sweden, relating to the stopping the passage of letters through Denmark into Sweden [fo. 98, 100], as also upon the complaints of the merchants touching the quarantain, directed at the last meeting, was signed.

A letter to the Lord Dartmouth, inclosing to his lordship a copy of this Board's representation of the 19th of December, 1709, and the draught of an Act for preserving white pines or mast trees on the continent of America, directed at the last meeting, was also signed.

A letter from Colonel Parke, dated at Antego the 16th of August, 1710, desiring that Mr. Perry or his solicitor may have such papers as shall be directed to the Board, relating to the complaints against him, was read.

Another letter from Colonel Parke, Governor of the Leeward Islands, dated at Antego the 16th August, 1710, was read.

A memorial from Mr. Gully, first lieutenant of the late independant company of soldiers at Newfoundland, praying that he may be recommended to succeed Major Lloyd, deceased, in the command of the garrison that shall be appointed for St. John's &c., was read ; whereupon ordered that he be acquainted that their lordships do not recommend persons to such employs.

Trade.
*Answer to the
Duke of Queensberry.*

Plantations General.
*Letter to
Lord Dartmouth.
Act about white pines.*

Trade.
*Letter to the
Duke of Queensberry.
Correspondence with
Sweden.
Merchants' com-
plaints' quarantain.*

Plantations General.
*Letter to Lord
Dartmouth.
Act about white pines
for masts.*

Leeward Islands.
*Letter from
Colonel Parke.*

Newfoundland.
*Memorial from Mr.
Gully, praying to have
the comand of the
garrison.*

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Trade.

*Letter from the
Duke of Queensberry.
Hardships complain'd
of by the Swedish
merchants.
Quarantain.*

November 14. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore.

A letter from the Duke of Queensberry of the 10th instant, in answer to that part of the Board's letter of the same date [fo. 99], relating to the hardships complain'd of by the Swedish merchants about entring and delivering their ships after the time of performing their quarantain is expired, importing that the lords of the Committee of Council were of opinion that no alteration should be made in that matter, during the present danger of infection, was read.

Trade.

*Order of Council.
East India Com-
pany's exports.*

An Order of Council of the 2nd of November, 1710, referring to the Board an account of the East India Company's exports from April, 1709, to September, 1710 [fo. 106], directing the Board to examine and compare the same with the returns of other years, and to report thereon &c., was read; whereupon ordered that the said account be compared accordingly, and laid before their lordships.

Jamaica.

*Temporary Acts.
Expiring.*

Their lordships, taking into consideration the four laws past at a General Assembly in Jamaica the 5th of April, 1710 (No. 17), and finding that the same are temporary and expiring, they did not think it necessary to lay the said laws before her Majesty, and gave directions that Colonel Handasyd be acquainted therewith.

New England.

*Letter from Colonel
Nicholson and
Colonel Vetch.*

A letter from Colonel Nicholson and Colonel Vetch to the secretary, dated at Boston, the 16th of September, 1710, signifying they were then imbarcking for their expedition &c., was read

Bermuda.

*Letter from Colonel
Bennet, Briggs and
others concern'd in
piracy.*

A letter from Colonel Bennet, Lieutenant Governor of Bermuda, dated the 13th of June, 1710, relating to James Briggs, a pirate, and to a combination of several sailors and soldiers to seize a sloop [fo. 103], and go a pirating therewith &c., was read, and the papers therein referr'd to, were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

*Papers therein
referr'd to.*

Tryals of several soldiers in Bermuda for conspiring with some sailors to run away with the sloop *Flying Fame* &c.

Tryals of Captain Hebart's sailors for conspiring and combining to run away with the sloop *Flying Fame*, in order to go a pirating.

Depositions of ^{to} Samuel Saltus, William Richardson, Richard Jennings and Joseph Dill relating to James Briggs, a pirate, &c.

*Letter from Colonel
Bennet. Seizure of
sloop James.*

Another letter from Colonel Bennet, dated the 30th of August, 1710, relating to the seizure and condemnation of the sloop *James* for having contraband goods on board, and to his having received her Majesty's new seal for Bermuda &c., was read, and the papers referr'd to therein were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

*New seal for the
Islands.*

*Papers referr'd
to therein.*

The President of the Council of Barbadoes's licence for the sloop *James* to sail to New Spain &c.

Proceedings of the Admiralty Court in Bermuda against the sloop *James*, the 7th July, 1710.

Several depositions relating to the sloop *St. James*, condemned in Bermuda for having contraband goods on board &c.

An Act empowering Richard Jenings to sell one share of land in Smith's tribe.

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All which papers their lordships agreed to take into consideration at the first opportunity.

Two letters from Colonel Bennet to the secretary, dated the 13th of June and 30th of August, 1710, were read.

*Two other letters from
Colonel Bennet.*

November 15. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore.

Their lordships taking into consideration the two letters from Captain Bennet, Lieutenant Governor of Bermuda [*fo.* 102], mentioned in yesterday's minutes, the same were again read; whereupon ordered that paragraph B of the first of the said letters, relating to one James Briggs, who is charged with piracy, and in custody in that island, and pretends he was examined and cleared by Sir Charles Hedges in the year 1700, but produces no vouchers for the same &c., be sent to Sir Charles Hedges [*fo.* 108], and that he be desired to inform their lordships if what the said Briggs alledges be true; further ordered that the secretary do prepare answers to the said letters.

Bermuda.
*Letter from Captain
Bennet.*

*Letter to Sir Charles
Hedges with extracts
about Briggs
accused of piracy.
Answers to
Captain Bennet.*

Barbadoes.
*Two letters from
the President.*

Two letters from Colonel Lillington, President of the Council of Barbadoes, dated the 2nd and 14th of September, 1710, were read, and the papers therewith transmitted were laid before the Board, and are as follows:

*Papers therein
referr'd to.*

The Assembly's answer to that of the Council upon a message relating to the Excise Bill.

Minutes of the Council of Barbadoes in Assembly, from the 11th of July to 5th September, 1710.

Minutes of the Council of Barbadoes in Assembly the 6th September, 1710.

Minutes of the Assembly of Barbadoes, from the 11th July to 6th September, 1710.

November 16. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore.

A letter from the Duke of Queensberry, of the 14th instant, relating to a pass for the ship *Concordia* bound from Gottonburgh to London [*fo.* 107], desiring to know if the said pass be agreeable to the intention of the 20th article of the treaty of commerce with Denmark in the year 1670, was read; whereupon ordered that the secretary do write to Sir Charles Hedges, to acquaint him that their lordships are desirous to discourse with him in relation to the forms of such passes, at the Board to-morrow morning.

Trade.
*Letter from the Duke
of Queensberry.
Pass for the ship
Concordia.*

*Letter to
Sir Charles Hedges.*

November 17. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore.

The accounts of the incident charges of this office, ending at Michaelmas last, were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt.:

Miscellanies.
Incident charges.

The secretarie's account of petty expences from Mid-	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
summer, 1710, to Michaelmas following, amount-			
ing to	4	6	6
The stationer's account for the same time ..	32	18	9
The Post Office account for the same time ..	26	16	4

Amounting in the whole to 64 1 7

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*Letter to the
Treasury.***Trade.***East India exports.**Letter to Mr.**Woolley, secretary
to the company, for
explanation thereof.***Trade.***Sir Charles Hedges.
Pass for the ship
Concordia.*

And a letter to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, inclosing the same, and desiring payment thereof, was sign'd.

Their lordships, taking into consideration the account of the exports of the East India Company, from April, 1709, to September, 1710 [fo. 101, 148], mentioned in the minutes of the 14th instant, ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Woolley, secretary of the said Company, to desire him to inform their lordships what part of the said exports were shipt off between April, 1709, and April, 1710, and what part between April, 1710, and September following.

Sir Charles Hedges, coming to the Board, as he had been desired, the letter from the Duke of Queensberry, relating to the form of a pass for the ship *Concordia*, bound from Gottenburgh to London [fo. 105, 109], desiring to know if the said pass be agreeable to the treaty of commerce with Denmark, 1670, mentioned in the minutes of the 16th instant, was read; whereupon Sir Charles said that though the said treaty makes no provision for ships homeward bound, and though the ship *Concordia* be a Swedish built ship, he was of opinion that the said ship being English property, her Majesty's pass ought to be allowed as a safe conduct; but that the merchants, for their better security, do take care that the master of the said ship have on board the bill of sale and the receipt for the money indorst thereon. He further observed, that in the draught of a pass referred to in the Duke of Queensberry's foresaid letter, after the words, *not prohibited or contraband*, the following words ought to be incerted, they being in the form of a pass mentioned in the foresaid treaty, vizt., *nor belonging to either of the parties in hostility*. He further took notice that in the said draught there is no schedule mentioned to be annex'd, which is required by the form in the treaty; but that being a homeward bound voyage, he supposed could not be done.

He further acquainted their lordships, in relation to the letter writ him the 16th instant, relating to the pirate Briggs at Bermuda [fo. 104, 117], mentioned in the minutes of the 15th, that he remembred nothing of that matter; however he would examine in the registers of the Admiralty Office, and give their lordships a better account thereof.

Sir Charles Hedges being withdrawn, their lordships gave directions for preparing an answer to the Duke of Queensberry's foresaid letter.

November 20. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore.

A letter to the Duke of Queensberry, relating to the draught of a pass for the ship *Concordia*, bound from Gottenburgh to London [fo. 107], mention'd in the minutes of the 17th instant, was signed.

A letter from Mr. John Perry, secretary to the Royal African Company, of the 17th instant [fo. 89, 120], in answer to one writ him the first ditto, containing accounts of the 10 per cent. paid by the separate traders to the said Company, the Company's exports, the charge of the forts, negroes imported into the plantations, and of the said Company's settlements in Africa,

Trade.*Letter to the
Duke of Queensberry.
Pass for ship
Concordia.**Letter from Mr.**Perry.
African accounts.***Bermuda.***Sir Charles Hedges
about Briggs, a
pirate.***Trade.***Letter to the
Duke of Queensberry
about a pass.*

was read; whereupon ordered that the said accounts be extracted, and laid before their lordships.

Order of Council of the 11th of May, 1710 [fo. 67, 112], referring to the Board the petition of Wait Winthrop and other proprietors of part of the Narraganset country, praying a confirmation of their grant, mentioned in the minutes of the 15th of September last, was again read, together with the several papers referr'd to therein; whereupon ordered that the agent concerned in the said petition have notice to attend the Board on Thursday morning next.

Then their lordships took into consideration the body of Maryland laws past in 1704 and 1705 [fo. 4, 111], contained in *Book No. 16*, mentioned in the minutes of the 7th of June, 1710, and went through the same.

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Narraganset.
*Order of Council.
Petition of proprietors.*

Maryland.
Laws consider'd.

Newfoundland.
*Letter from Mr.
Blathwayt.*

Maryland.
Laws.

November 21. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore.

A letter from Mr. Blathwayt, of yesterday's date, desiring to know whether their lordships have any addition to make to their representation of the 23rd of February last [N. fo. 123, 381], relating to Newfoundland, was read; whereupon ordered that the secretary do acquaint him that their lordships have nothing new to offer in relation to Newfoundland.

Their lordships took into consideration the books of Maryland laws, Nos. 17 and 18, past in April, 1706, and April, 1707 [fo. 110], went through the first of the said books, and read 16 of the laws in the 2nd book.

November 23. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter from the Duke of Queensberry, of yesterday's date, relating to a proposal for opening a trade with Riga, Revel and other ports of Livonia, now in possession of the Czar of Muscovy, directing their lordships to consider thereof, was read; whereupon ordered that Mr. Wordsworth [fo. 115, 126, 197] and Mr. Joy be acquainted therewith, and desired to consult with other Swedish merchants, and then to lay before the Board in writing, on Tuesday morning next, what they may have to offer for the advantage of our trade to those parts.

Two letters from Mr. Usher, Lieutenant Governor of New Hampshire, one dated the 5th of August, 1710, the other without date, were read, and the papers therein referr'd to, were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt.:

Mr. Usher's speech to the Assembly of New Hampshire, with their answer thereunto &c.

Mr. Usher's computation for quit rents on mills. Mr. Vaughan's account of his agency, and Minutes of Council relating to reflections on the Governor.

Their lordships again taking into consideration the book of Maryland laws, No. 18, past in April, 1707, mentioned in the minutes of the 21st instant [fo. 111], went through the same, and gave directions for sending several of the said laws, and of others formerly read, to Mr. Solicitor General, for his opinion in point of law.

Trade.
*Letter from the
Duke of Queensberry.
Trade to Riga,
Revel, &c.
Letter to Mr.
Wordsworth and Mr.
Joy &c. thereupon.*

New Hampshire.
*Letters from Mr.
Usher.*

*Papers therein
referr'd to.*

Maryland.
Laws.

*Sent to Mr.
Solicitor General*

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Narraganset.

*Mr. Waterhouse
about petition of
proprietors.*

*Papers return'd
to him.*

Jamaica.**Bahamas.**

*Letter from Mr.
Burchet about an
engineer.*

Mr. Waterhouse, who appears in behalf of the petitioners and proprietors of part of the Narraganset country, attending, and being asked if he had anything more to offer [*fo.* 109, 314] than what was contained in the petition and papers annex'd, he said he had not; whereupon their lordships returned him the said papers, and desired he would make an abstract of them, and lay the same before the Board, which he promised to do accordingly.

A letter from Mr. Burchet to Mr. Warr and Mr. Lewis, of the 22nd instant, relating to an engineer to be sent from Jamaica to the Bahama Islands [*fo.* 77, *v. infra*], to take a survey of the same, and to a man-of-war's being appointed to attend that service, being communicated to the Board, the same was read, and directions given for taking a copy thereof.

November 27. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

Copy of her Majesty's letter to Colonel Hunter, Governor of New York, dated at St. James's, the 21st instant, relating to the granting of land in that province, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council of the 2nd instant [*v. supra*], directing the Board of Ordnance to send an engineer from Jamaica to the Bahama Islands, to take a survey of the said islands &c., was read.

A reference from the Lord Dartmouth of the 14th instant, upon the petition of Anne Pauley, in behalf of Charles Arrabella, a prisoner in Virginia or Maryland for blasphemy [*fo.* 125], praying that the fine set upon him for the said crime may be remitted, and he discharged out of prison, was read; whereupon ordered that if there be any papers in this office relating to the said Arrabella, the same be laid before the Board.

A letter from Mr. Secretary St. John, of the 24th instant, inclosing a copy of a memorial from Mr. Palmes, her Majesty's Envoy at Vienna, to the Emperor, concerning the woollen manufactures at Lintz &c. [*fo.* 121], and likewise an extract of a letter from Mr. Palmes to Mr. Secretary St. John, upon that subject, were read.

Sir Isaac Newton's account of gold and silver coined in the Tower, from Christmas, 1707, to November, 1710, was read, and ordered that this account be compared with three or four of the last years.

The draught of a letter to Colonel Bennet, Lieutenant Governor of Bermuda [*fo.* 118], was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Their lordships taking into consideration the Acts past in the province of the Massachusetts Bay [*fo.* 116], the 12th of February, 1709 (No. 21), read one of the said laws.

November 28. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

Two letters, the one from Mr. Wordsworth, and the other from Mr. Joy, of the 27th instant, in answer to one writ them the 23rd ditto, relating to the Czar's opening a trade with Riga &c.

New York.

*Queen's letter about
granting land.*

Jamaica.**Bahama's.**

*Order of Council
about an engineer.*

Maryland.

*Reference from Lord
Dartmouth on peti-
tion of Anne Pauley.
Charles Arrabella,
prisoner
for blasphemy.*

Trade.

*Letter from Mr.
Secretary St. John.
Memorial from
Mr. Palmes.
Woollen manufacture
at Lintz.
Extract of
Mr. Palmes's letter.
Sir Isaac Newton's
account of coinage.*

Bermuda.

*Letter to Colonel
Bennet.*

Massachusetts.

Laws.

Trade.

*Letters from Monsieurs
Wordsworth and Joy.
Trade to Riga, &c.*

[fo. 111, 126, 128], signifying that they had communicated the said letter to the Russia and Eastland Company's, who would in a few days attend their lordships thereupon, were read.

Mr. Baillie communicated to their lordships the observations of the merchants of North Britain upon the several articles of the project of a convention with Hamburgh [fo. 90, 117], relating to the herring trade referr'd to in Mr. Secretary St. John's letter of the 10th of October last, which was read, and directions given for preparing the draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary St. John's thereupon.

A packet directed to their lordships from Colonel Park, the postage whereof amounted to 42*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.*, being laid before the Board, and it appearing by a letter from him to the secretary of the 16th August last, that the papers contain'd in the said packet relate to Colonel Park's private affairs only, and that they are for Mr. Micajah Perry to make use of as occasion may require, ordered that the said packet be returned to the Postmaster General, and that he be desired to strike the said 42*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.* out of the account of this office, and that the same may be sent to the said Mr. Perry, who is to pay the postage thereof.

Their lordships again took into consideration the Acts past in the province of the Massachusetts Bay the 12th of February, 1709 (No. 21) [fo. 115], mention'd in yesterday's minutes, and read four of them.

November 30. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

Their lordships took into consideration the draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary St. John upon the project of a convention with Hamburgh [fo. 115, 118], relating to the herring trade from Scotland, directed the 28th instant, and made a progress therein.

December 1. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A letter from Sir Charles Hedges, of the 28th of the last month [fo. 108, 137], inclosing an affidavit of Benjamin Joice and William White, made in August, 1700, as also a certificate of Captain Lodwick Fardinando, relating to the refusal of James Briggs to serve on board a pirate ship &c., were read; whereupon ordered that copies of the said affidavit and certificate be taken, and the originals sent in the following letter to Colonel Bennet.

A letter from Major-General Handasyd, Governor of Jamaica, dated the 3rd of October, 1710, was read; whereupon ordered that the paragraphs E and F of the said letter, relating to the French and Spanish ships at Carthegena &c., be sent to Mr. Burchet for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and that the substance of paragraph I of the same letter, relating to her Majesty's pardon of a serjeant at Jamaica under sentence of death for killing a person there, be sent to Captain Gardner.

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*Observations of
North British mer-
chants about herring
trade to Hamburgh.*

*Letter to
Mr. St. John.*

*Leeward Islands.
Packet for Mr. Perry
return'd to post office.*

*Massachusetts.
Acts.*

*Trade.
Convention with
Hamburgh.
Herrings.
Letter to Mr. Secretary
St. John.*

*Bermuda.
Letter from Sir
Charles Hedges.
Affidavits &c. about
Briggs accused of
piracy.*

*Jamaica.
Letter from Major
General Handasyd.*

*Extract sent to
Mr. Burchet.*

*Another to Captain
Gardner.*

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Trade.

*Letter to Mr. Secretary
St. John.
Hamburgh herring
trade.*

Bermuda.

*Letter to Colonel
Bennet.*

A letter to Mr. Secretary St. John upon the project of a convention with Hamburgh, relating to the herring trade from Scotland [fo. 117, 175], mentioned in the minutes of the 30th of the last month, was signed.

A letter to Colonel Bennet, Lieutenant Governor of Bermuda [fo. 114], was signed.

December 4. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

Newfoundland.

*Letter from
Commodore Aldred.
Answer to heads
of enquiry &c.
Other papers*

A letter from Captain Aldred, commodore of the Newfoundland convoy, dated at Plymouth the 26th of November last, with his answer to the heads of enquiry &c., was read, as also the papers following refer'd to in the said letter, vizt. :

Answer of Captain Aldred, commodore of the Newfoundland convoy, to the heads of enquiry &c.

Account of the fishery of Newfoundland for the year 1710.

Copy of a petition from the inhabitants and traders of Newfoundland to their lordships, praying that a sufficient force may be sent thither for the protection of the trade and fishery there.

*Comparison of the
fishery.*

Representation.

Whereupon ordered that a comparison be made of the fishery between the year 1710 and the two last years, and that the draught of a representation be prepared for laying the same before her Majesty.

Trade.

*Letter from the
Duke of Queensberry.
British trade to the
Czar's dominions.*

A letter from the Duke of Queensberry of the 1st instant, desiring this Board to acquaint his Grace [fo. 203] with what their lordships may have to propose for the advantage and security of the British trade in the dominions of the Czar of Muscovy, was read.

*Letter from the
Lord Dartmouth.
Treaty of commerce
with Venice.*

A letter from the Lord Dartmouth, of the 30th of the last month, signifying that there is no treaty now subsisting for regulation of commerce between her Majesty's subjects and those of the Republick of Venice [fo. 126], and that it is her Majesty's pleasure their lordships do prepare such heads for a treaty of commerce, as they shal think proper, was read, and directions given for laying before their lordships all the papers in this office, relating to the Venetian trade.

Trade.**Barbadoes.**

*Letter from the
Duke of Queensberry.
Petition of the Royal
African Company, &c.*

Answer.

A letter from the Duke of Queensberry, of the 2nd instant, inclosing the petitions of the Royal African Company [fo. 109, 122], and of several planters and inhabitants of Barbadoes, to her Majesty, with several papers relating thereunto, desiring this Board to let his Grace have their opinion thereupon, which were read; and directions given for preparing an answer to the said letter, acquainting him that their lordships should be ready to enter into the consideration of what he has proposed, but that having already laid before her Majesty and the late House of Commons in 1708 and 1709, their observations on the trade to Africa, they do not conceive it proper to enter further into that matter, unless her Majesty think fit to direct the same.

December 5. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A letter from Mr. Secretary St. John, of the 2nd instant [*fo.* 114, 122], relating to the woollen manufacture at Lintz, and the herring trade at Hamburgh, was read; and their lordships took into consideration the papers referr'd to in the said letter touching the herring trade, and made a progress therein.

December 6. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A letter to the Duke of Queensberry, in answer to one from his Grace of the 2nd instant [*fo.* 120, 132], relating to the trade to Africa, directed the 4th ditto, was signed.

Their lordships taking into consideration Mr. Secretary St. John's letter of the 2nd instant, concerning the woollen manufacture at Lintz [*fo.* 121, 123], and the herring trade to Hamburgh, mentioned in yesterday's minutes, the papers referr'd to in the said letter were read, vizt.:

Extract of Mr. Wyche's letter to Mr. Secretary St. John, as likewise the demands of the Dutch resident there, relating to herrings imported.

Copy of Mr. Wyche's memorial to the Senate of Hamburgh about the herring trade. His account of the Dutch herring trade there.

The answer of the Chancery of Bohemia to a memorial from Mr. Palms, her Majesty's Minister at the Court of Vienna, relating to Crown rash; also extract of his letter to Mr. Secretary St. John thereupon, dated the 22nd of November, 1710.

Whereupon directions were given for preparing the draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary St. John's [*fo.* 122], in answer to his aforementioned.

A letter from the Lord Dartmouth, of the 2nd instant, inclosing a letter from Mr. Waterhouse, secretary to the Postmaster General, to Mr. Warr, dated the 15th of November last, containing several letters from persons in Maryland, was read.

Another letter from the Lord Dartmouth, of the 4th instant, signifying her Majesty's pleasure, that their lordships do reconsider their representation of the 23rd of February last [*fo.* 110], relating to Newfoundland, as also several papers referred to in his lordship's said letter, was read, and the said papers were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt.:

Captain Moody's proposal for building a fort at Newfoundland [*fo.* 128], and fortifying the same.

Letter from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to the Lord Dartmouth, of the 2nd instant, acquainting his lordship that three men-of-war were sent last year to Newfoundland, and that the like number will be sent thither the next.

Letter from Mr. George Vane, of the 2nd of August, 1710, to the Lord Dartmouth, containing an account of the taking of St. John's &c., in Newfoundland.

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Trade.

*Letter from Mr.
Secretary St. John.
Woollen manufacture
at Lintz.
Herrings at
Hamburgh.*

Barbadoes.

Trade.

*Letter to the
Duke of Queensberry.
Africa.*

Trade.

*Woollen manufacture
at Lintz.
Herring trade at
Hamburgh.*

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary St. John.*

Maryland.

*Letter from Lord
Dartmouth with
letters from that
province.*

Newfoundland.

*Letter from
Lord Dartmouth.
Representation and
papers to be consider'd.*

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Copies of letters from Mr. John Collins at Newfoundland to his brother, giving an account of the taking of St. John's, and of what has happen'd there since.

Two letters from Mr. Collins to the Board of Ordnance, dated the 24th June and 24th October, 1710, relating to the present state of Newfoundland &c.

Extract of a letter from Major Lloyd to Mr. Solomon Merit, dated at Placentia in Newfoundland, the 13th of November, 1709, giving an account of the strength of the French there, &c.

*Captain Moody and
Mr. Vane
summon'd.*

Whereupon ordered that Captain Moody and Mr. Vane have notice to attend the Board on Fryday morning next, when their lordships will then take the said papers into consideration.

December 7. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

*Trade.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary St. John.
Herrings
at Hamburgh.
Woollens in Austria.*

A letter to Mr. Secretary St. John, in answer to one from him of the 2nd instant, relating to the herring trade at Hamburgh [fo. 123], and to the woollen manufacture at Lintz in Austria, directed yesterday, was sign'd.

*Letter from the
Commissioners of the
Customs at Edinburgh.
Trade thence to
Sweden.*

A letter from the Commissioners of the Customes of North Britain, dated at Edinburgh the 25th of November, 1710, inclosing an abstract of the trade of that country to and from Sweden, from the 1st of May, 1707, to the 25th of March, 1710, was read, and directions given for acknowledging the receipt of the said letter &c.

*Maryland.
Affidavit of Richard
Love about Charles
Arrabella imprison'd
for blasphemy.*

The affidavit of Richard Love, master of the *Abraham* gally, sworn before John Stewart, esquire, one of her Majesty's justices of the peace, the 5th instant, setting forth that he had observed that Charles Arrabella, now in prison in Maryland for blasphemy [fo. 114, 128], was, during his being on board the said gally, a very sober, modest man, and not given to swear or curse, or to utter any prophane expressions, though unfortunately prosecuted for the same at Maryland, was read; whereupon ordered that the draught of an answer be prepared to the reference from the Lord Dartmouth of the 14th of November last, mentioned in the minutes of the 27th of the same month.

*Letter to
Lord Dartmouth.*

*Trade.
Treaty of commerce
with Venice.*

Their lordships, taking into consideration the letter from the Lord Dartmouth of the 30th of the last month, mentioned in the minutes of the 4th instant, relating to heads for a treaty of commerce with Venice [fo. 120, 219], together with the several papers in this office concerning the Venetian trade, ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Carkass to move the Commissioners of her Majesty's Customs, that their lordships may have an account of the exports and imports to and from the Venetian territories [fo. 177], with the values thereof for the year 1700 and 1708, as also an account of what duties are payable here upon the said imports; further ordered that Mr. Samuel Shephard, Mr. Williams and Monsieur Claude Jamineau [fo. 139] have notice to attend the Board on Thursday morning next.

*Letter to Mr.
Carkesse.*

*Exports and imports
to and from Venice.*

*Merchants sum-
mon'd.*

*Eastland Company
with memorial about
trade to Riga,
Revel, &c.*

Mr. Phelp, Deputy Governor of the Eastland Company [fo. 111, 115], with some other merchants attending, they presented to their lordships a memorial relating to the opening a trade with Riga,

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Revel &c., in the Czar's dominions, which was read; desiring therein, that they may have the same liberty and freedom in their trade to those places as her Majesty's subjects enjoy at Archangel; as likewise if further immunities are granted any other nation, that in such case they may be entituled to the like; and these gentlemen being withdrawn, ordered that letters be writ to Sir Benjamin Ayloff, Governor of the Russia Company, and to Mr. Whitworth [fo. 159], to desire that they will let their lordships have in writing an account of what liberties and freedom in trade her Majesty's subjects do enjoy at Archangel.

*Letter to
Sir Benjamin Ayloff
and Mr. Whitworth.*

December 8. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

The secretary laid before their lordships the extract of a letter which he received from Mr. Stephen Duport, dated at St. Christopher's the 16th of September, 1710, relating to the weak state of Guardaloupe, which was read; and a letter to the Lord Dartmouth, inclosing a copy thereof, was signed.

Leeward Islands.
*Letter from Mr.
Duport.
Weak state of
Guardaloupe.
Letter to
Lord Dartmouth.*

Another letter to the Lord Dartmouth, relating to Charles Arrabella, now in prison in Maryland for blasphemy &c. [fo. 125, 133], directed yesterday, was signed.

Maryland.
*Letter to Lord
Dartmouth about
Charles Arrabella.*

A letter from the Lords Proprietors of Carolina, of yesterday's date, acquainting this Board that, upon the death of Colonel Edward Tynte, late Governor of Carolina, they have constituted Charles Craven, esquire, to succeed him in that employment [fo. 137], and desiring their lordships to lay the same before her Majesty, for her approbation of the said Charles Craven, was read; whereupon ordered that the draught of a representation be prepared for laying the same before her Majesty, as usually had been done heretofore.

Carolina.
*Letter from
Lords Proprietors.
Charles Craven,
Governor.*

*Representation
thereon.*

Captain Moody attending, as he had been desired, his proposal for building a fort at Ferryland in Newfoundland, and fortifying the same [fo. 123, 130], referr'd to in the Lord Dartmouth's letter of the 4th instant, was read; and being asked if he had anything further to offer therein, he said that he had not. Whereupon their lordships agreed to take the rest of the papers referr'd to in the foresaid letter into consideration on Monday morning next.

Newfoundland.
*Captain Moody.
Fortifications at
Ferryland.*

Sir Benjamin Ayloff, Governor of the Russia Company, with several of the merchants trading thither attending [fo. 115, 159], he presented to their lordships a memorial, in answer to the letter writ him the 30th of the last month, relating to the opening a trade with Riga, Revel &c., in the Czar's dominions, which was read; setting forth that, whereas the trade to the Czar's dominions has been carry'd on by the way of Archangel, it will require encouragement to induce the English merchants to renew the trade to Narva and Petersburg; to which end it will be necessary the Customes and other duties on trade should be made moderate, and be paid in the coin of the country; that they may have free liberty with the Czar's subjects, in the same manner as is now practized at Archangel, and not be imposed on by pretences of burgher-right,

Trade.
*Russia Company.
Memorial about
trade to Riga, &c.*

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Explanation.

which was a great oppression of trade under the Swede; that a publick braack for hemp and other goods be established in the same manner as heretofore practised at Narva. But what is above-said, in relation to the duties, to the liberties of the British subjects at Archangel, to the payment of the duties in the country money &c. not being sufficiently explain'd, these gentlemen were desired to let their lordships have as full and as particular an explanation of these matters, and of anything relating to this trade, as may be, which they promised to do accordingly.

December 11. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monekton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

Newfoundland.
Papers referr'd from
the
Lord Dartmouth.
Captain Vane, late
engineer
about fortifications.

Their lordships now took into consideration and read the papers relating to Newfoundland, referred to in the Lord Dartmouth's letter of the 4th instant [fo. 128, 138], and Captain Vane, late engineer there attending, and being asked several questions in relation to the fortifying of St. John's (to which place he gave the preference in his memorial, one of the foresaid papers), or the fortifying of Ferryland; he said that the harbour of St. John's was very capacious in which hundreds of ships might safely ride. That Ferryland could not contain, especially if it were stormy weather, above twenty ships, though he owned that the harbours of Caplin and Aquafort, which are not above a mile distant by land from Ferryland, might contain more ships than go from this kingdom to fish at Newfoundland. That these two last mentioned harbours might be protected by a fort on Ferryland Down, which place is very convenient to be fortified, there being from thence a prospect of several leagues at sea, and a narrow entrance into the harbour, but, however, he did not think Ferryland so proper a place to be fortified as St. John's, for that in Ferryland harbour there was not so much room for flakes and stages as at St. John's, unless the ground were cleared, the charge whereof with the building of their stages would come to about twenty pounds each. That Ferryland is further from Placentia than St. John's. That if the design of fortifying Ferryland be only to serve the inhabitants and the effects of the merchants during the winter from the incursions of the French, a fortification there would undoubtedly answer that end, and be a safe retreat to all the inhabitants that should winter there, and might be erected at much less charge than at St. John's notwithstanding which at St. John's is the more capacious harbour, and in which there was no want either of bait or fish, he was the rather inclined to that. However, if St. John's be agreed to, he did not propose to have a fort erected in the place where the late fort stood, but in another which would better protect the harbour, and not be commanded by adjacent hills. Then Captain Vane being desired to make a comparison of the conveniencies and inconveniencies in fortifying the harbours of St. John's and Ferryland, with a computation of the charge of fortifying each of the said places, he promised to do the same accordingly, and to lay it before their lordships in writing on Wednesday or Thursday next,

In the meantime ordered that the draught of a representation in answer to the Lord Dartmouth's fore-mentioned letter of the 4th instant, requiring the Board to reconsider their representation of the 23rd of February last, be prepared.

December 12. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie.

A letter from the Duke of Queensberry, of the ninth instant, returning to their lordships the petitions from the Royal African Company and the planters and inhabitants of Barbadoes to her Majesty [fo. 122, 147, 181], together with several other papers relating to the trade to Africa, mentioned in the minutes of the 6th instant, was read, and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

Petition of the Royal African Company and of their creditors to her Majesty, relating to the trade thither.

Petition of several planters and inhabitants of Barbadoes praying that the trade to Africa may be preserved &c.

Letter from Sir Dalby Thomas and others to the Royal African Company dated at Cabo Corso Castle, the 26th of November, 1709, relating to the trade to Africa.

Letter from Mr. Crabb to Mr. John Perry, dated at Commenda in Africa, the 19th March, 170⁹/₁₀, relating to 4 Dutch men of war being there, and to their building a trade house at Balshan, &c.

The scheme of the Royal African Company for preserving and carrying on the trade to Africa, &c.

Which papers their lordships agreed to take into consideration on Friday morning next.

The letter to the Lord Dartmouth of the 8th instant, upon the petition of Anne Pauley, in the behalf of Charles Arrabella, now a prisoner in Maryland [fo. 128, 144], being returned to this Board, with directions to reconsider the same, ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. John Hyde to desire that, if he has received any account of the proceedings touching the said Arrabella in that province, he would acquaint their lordships therewith; but, in case he had not, that he would then inquire of such persons as were lately come from thence or others concerning this matter, and give their lordships the best information he could get as soon as possible.

A letter from Mr. Lowndes of the 9th instant, referring to the Board the memorial of the merchants, planters and inhabitants of Jamaica [fo. 166], relating to the duties payable there on prize goods, was read, together with several papers concerning the same, which are as follows, vizt. :

Report of the Council of Trade, May the 16th, 1710, relating to the complaints from Jamaica of the Custome House Officer.

Letter to the Lord Treasurer from the Earl of Sunderland, of the 13th. June, 1710, upon the complaint of the inhabitants of Jamaica, touching the high duties on prize goods &c. *N.B.—This paper was omitted to be copy'd.*

Copy of the address of the Governor, Council and Assembly of Jamaica.

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Representation.

Barbadoes.
Trade.

*Letter from
Duke of Queensberry.
Petitions of Royal
African Company
and inhabitants of
Barbadoes, with
other papers.*

Maryland.

*Arabella's case of
blasphemy to be
reconsider'd.
Letter to Mr. Hyde
thereupon.*

Jamaica.

*Letter from Mr.
Lowndes, with memo-
rial about duties on
prize goods, and other
papers.*

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The humble memorial of the merchants, planters and inhabitants of Jamaica, upon the report of the Commissioners of the Customs relating to the duties of prize goods sold at Jamaica.

Report on the complaint of the inhabitants of Jamaica against Mr. Beckford, the collector there.

Report on an order of her Majesty in Council, on the petition of the traders and inhabitants of Jamaica.

Letter to Mr. Carkesse for accounts relating thereto.

Whereupon ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Carkesse for an account of the amount of the bonds taken for the payment of the duties [fo. 138, 148]; an account of the English duties payable for prize goods, for which these bonds were given; and an account of what summ has already been paid there for such prize goods since the passing the American Act.

Trade.
Letter from Mr. Secretary St. John. Imposition on cloth at Hanover. Letter to Mr. Carkess about duties on linnen and thread from Germany.

A letter from Mr. Secretary St. John, of the 8th instant, inclosing the extract of a letter from Mr. D'Alais [fo. 163], concerning a new imposition laid upon foreign coarse cloths, imported into the Elector of Hannover's dominions, was read, and their lordships were acquainted that the secretary had writ to Mr. Carkesse yesterday, for an account of the duties payable here, upon the importation of linnen and thread from Germany [fo. 152], and particularly that he would distinguish the duties upon the linnen and thread from the Elector of Hannover's dominions, if there be any difference, as also that he do mention the several years, wherein any of those duties were laid.

Barbadoes.
Letter from three of the Assembly.

Disputes about nomination of a Treasurer.

A letter from Mr. Thomas Maxwell, Mr. Edmund Sutton and Mr. Guy Ball, three of the members of the Assembly of Barbadoes, appointed a committee of correspondency, dated the 8th of July, 1710, relating to the disputes that have arisen between the Assembly and the Council of that island touching the right of nominating a Treasurer, was read.

December 13. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

Bermuda.
Letter from Lord Dartmouth. Briggs, &c. Piracy.

Letter from the Lord Dartmouth, of the 7th instant, acquainting their lordships that he had received letters from Colonel Bennet, Lieutenant Governor of Bermuda [fo. 117, 139], relating to James Briggs, a prisoner there for piracy, and to some soldiers condemned for conspiring against that Governor, was read, and directions were given for preparing of an answer thereunto.

Carolina.
Letter to Lords Proprietors. Mr. Craven to be Governor.

A letter to the Lords Proprietors of Carolina, in answer to one from their lordships of the 7th instant, read the 8th ditto, about their having constituted Mr. Charles Craven to succeed Colonel Tynte [fo. 128], deceased, in the government of that province, acquainting their lordships with the method proper to be taken for obtaining her Majesty's approbation of the said Mr. Charles Craven, was signed.

Newfoundland.
Engineer Vane's memorial about fortifications.

Mr. George Vane attending, he presented to their lordships a memorial relating to the advantage and disadvantage of fortifying St. John's or Ferryland in Newfoundland [fo. 130, 140], as likewise the difference of expence of each of those places, which was read; and he being withdrawn, their lordships took into consideration

the draught of a representation for laying before her Majesty the state of Newfoundland &c., directed the 11th instant, and made a progress therein; and ordered that Mr. Archibald Cumming, lately come from thence, have notice to attend the Board to-morrow morning.

Ordered that another letter be writ to Mr. Carkess, in relation to the duties on prize goods to Jamaica [fo. 135, 148], signifying that their lordships having been inform'd that great quantities of those goods, for the duties whereof bonds were given in that island, have since been imported into this kingdom, and paid the duties here, they desire that he would give them what sight he can in this matter, and, if it be so as is alleged, what goods have been imported, and what is the account of the duties received here, upon the said goods.

December 14. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

Mr. Williams and Mr. Claude Jamminean, Venetian merchants, attending [fo. 126], the letter from the Lord Dartmouth of the 30th last month, mentioned in the minutes of the 4th instant, directing the Board to prepare the heads of a treaty of commerce with Venice, was again read, as were also heads for such a treaty, extracted from a representation of this Board dated 28th June, 1706, and some propositions made by the republick of Venice, relating thereunto, being laid before the Board, the same were likewise read; whereupon these gentlemen desired that they might have copies of the said papers [fo. 176], and they would give their lordships their thoughts thereupon in writing, and the same was order'd accordingly.

The draught of a letter to the Lord Dartmouth, in answer to his lordship's of the 7th instant [fo. 137, 146], relating to the pirate Briggs, and some soldiers condemned at Bermuda, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Mr. Cumming, who has lived several years at Newfoundland, and lately arrived from thence, attending as directed yesterday [fo. 138, 144], and being asked the following questions, answered as in the opposite column.

Queries.

1. Which is the most proper place to be fortify'd for securing the stages and flakes against any attempts from the seaward, and the inhabitants from any land invasion during the winter season?

2. What number of stages are there now standing in the several harbours?

Mr. Cummings' answer.

Ferryland is the most proper to answer that end; but neither Ferryland nor any other place is capable of protecting the whole. The flakes are always pulled down at the end of the fishing season.

About 250 in the whole; in St. John's between 30 and 40, and in Ferryland about 25; and he promised to give their lordships a particular account of each harbour to-morrow.

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*Representation upon
state of
Newfoundland.
Mr. Cummings
summond.*

Jamaica.
*Letter to Mr.
Carkesse. Duties
on prize goods.*

Trade.
Venetian merchants.

Treaty of commerce.

Bermuda.
*Letter to
Lord Dartmouth.
Briggs, &c. Piracy.*

Newfoundland.
*Mr. Cummings's
answer to queries.*

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3. What is the charge of building a stage?

The largest, which are for six boats, will cost between 40*l.* and 50*l.* Those for 4 boats about 25[i.].

4. What number of stages is Ferryland capable of, and how is that shore proper for building of flakes?

There are generally about 130 boats that fish there, and, reckoning 4 boats to a stage, there may be about 32 or 33 stages, and room for many more. As to the shore, it is all, except Ferryland Down, level with the water, and therefore every way as convenient as St. John's for building of flakes.

5. What number of stages are Caplin Bay and Aquafort capable of, and what conveniencies is there for the fishery?

There are generally about 50 boats in each harbour, which, according to the foregoing computation, may be about 12 or 13 stages in each, and both of the said harbours are capable of containing many more. As for the conveniencies for the fishery, there are as many there as anywhere else.

6. Whether can those two harbours be best protected by a fort at St. John's, or by one at Ferryland Down?

Undoubtedly by Ferryland, which is not above a mile from either of them.

7. What are the conveniencies or inconveniencies of fortifying Ferryland?

Ferryland is in a manner by nature fortify'd, and so by small expence may be made very strong. A fort upon the Down will effectually protect the harbour, the stages, the fishing boats and the inhabitants that shal live near it. Besides that in that harbour, the bait is to be had a week or ten days sooner than at St. John's, where they are obliged to go at some distance for it.

8. What is the extent of Ferryland harbour, and what difficulties are there in entring thereinto?

That harbour is a kind of a pentagon, about a mile long, and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile broad, and may contain between 50 and 60 ships. The entrance into the harbour is safe and secure. There are indeed

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some winds which make a high sea, which however is not dangerous, by reason there are no rocks there. The streight in the said entrance is much shorter than that into St. John's harbour, into which last it is difficult to enter with certain winds, unless assisted by the tow or the grapple; and very often ships have lain there 48 hours before they could get in.

9. What are the conveniences or inconveniences of fortifying St. John's, and might not a fort be erected to advantage at a place called Admirals Rock, and what is the extent of that harbour?

The harbour is capacious. The late fort there was not capable of protecting the inhabitants' houses and the stages, by reason that the same were scatter'd up and down, with several hills and vallies between them and the said fort; nor could it, by reason of its height and distance, defend the entrance of the harbour or the ships or boats that fish there; and therefore a fort built on the Admirals Rock, which is $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile further distant from the entrance of the harbour than the place where the late fort stood, it (*sic*) would be of no protection to that harbour or the inhabitants.

10. Whether will a fort at St. John's or Ferryland protect the greatest number of stages from an attempt by sea, and the inhabitants from an incursion at land?

Ferryland if fortify'd will undoubtedly protect its inhabitants and effects from any attempts by sea or land, and will also protect the harbours of Fermoose (a league from thence), Caplin Bay and Aquafort (which 4 places will contain many more stages than St. John's and Quidividi) from any attempts by land.

11. If a fort be built at Ferryland, will the inhabitants at St. John's and places adjacent be willing to remove for protection? And can they conveniently do it, and settle there,

Those who have a property in St. John's by having built houses, stages or magazines, which they let out to others, perhaps may not be willing to remove, but these are not many.

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both with regard to the property of the land and extent of the ground?

The rest, who are the greatest number, will undoubtedly be willing to go where they may find a protection in winter; and it will be no more than was done at the Bay of Bulls, Fermoose and other harbours, from whence the inhabitants removed to St. John's, when that place was fortify'd. The land is the Queen's, so there can be no difficulty with relation to the property; and as for the extent, there is room enough to contain all the inhabitants of Newfoundland.

12. Will the fortifying of Trinity harbour be a security and protection to the inhabitants, stages &c. against an attempt of the enemy by sea before the arrival of the men of war on that coast?

Never having been there he could give no particular answer thereunto.

13. Whether is St. John's or Ferryland nearer to Placentia?

St. John's is 70 and Ferryland 64 miles distant from Placentia.

14. What towns send ships to fish at St. John's, and which at Ferryland?

Topsham and Dartmouth send to St. John's, and the reason is, because that there being their magazines, in which they leave their effects in the winter, and stages already erected, which they hire from the proprietors, and for that those towns sending out the earliest ships are glad to go to that harbour where they can find protection in case of need. The towns of Biddford and Barnstable send their ships to Ferryland.

December 15. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A letter from Mr. Commings, inclosing an account of the number of stages, fishing boats and quantity of fish made the last fishing season in each of the harbours in Newfoundland [fo. 140, 146], was read; and their lordships then taking into consideration the draught of a representation relating to Newfoundland, mentioned

Newfoundland.
Letter from Mr.
Cumings.
Account of fishery.
Representation
agreed.

in the minutes of the 13th instant, agreed the same, and ordered it to be transcribed.

Captain Hyde attending, as he had been desired, with Captain Love, in relation to Charles Arrabella, a prisoner in Maryland for blasphemy [fo. 133, 147], and being asked what they knew concerning him, Captain Hyde said he had no account, but Captain Love inform'd their lordships that, when he went to Maryland in 1709, the said Arrabella went with him as a sailor, that during the voyage he had observed him to be a very diligent man, and no ways given to prophane cursing or swearing, as is more fully set forth in his affidavit, read the 7th instant. He added that he was at the said Arrabella's tryal, that there was but one witness against him, a carpenter, that he was indicted for uttering some blasphemous expressions, the particular words he did not remember, but the occasion was as follows. The said carpenter and Arrabella were pitching a sloop, and that some of the hot pitch fell upon the said Arrabella's foot, so that in the anguish of the pain he believed he might perhaps utter what he was accused of, and that the carpenter upon a quarrel between them afterwards inform'd against him. These gentlemen being withdrawn, their lordships took notice that the petition sets forth that the prisoner was bored through the tongue, fined twenty pounds, and sentenced to lye 6 months in prison, which, if so, is contrary to the law of Maryland, pass'd the 30th October, 1704, entituled *An Act for the punishment of blasphemy, prophane swearing and cursing, whereby the offender is to be bored through the tongue and fined twenty pounds, or in case he cannot pay the fine to lye 6 months in prison*, so that the said Arrabella, having been in prison ever since his conviction, the fine of twenty pounds of course was to be remitted. Whereupon their lordships gave directions for preparing a letter to the Lord Dartmouth, in answer to his reference of the 9th instant.

A letter to the Lord Dartmouth, in answer to his of the 7th instant, relating to James Briggs, in custody for piracy at Bermuda [fo. 139], and to some soldiers under sentence of death there, was signed.

December 18. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

Captain Moody attending, he presented to their lordships a memorial setting forth the advantages of fortifying Ferryland, and disadvantages of fortifying St. John's in Newfoundland [fo. 144, 147], which was read, and being particularly asked concerning the situation of the Admirals Rock, he said that the same was commanded by two hills within pistol shot, that overlook it, and was about a quarter of a mile further from the entrance of the harbour than the place where the old fort stood, and by consequence could not defend the said entrance.

A representation relating to the state of Newfoundland and the trade thereof [fo. 146, 248], as also a letter to the Lord Dartmouth inclosing the same, were signed.

The draught of a letter to the Lord Dartmouth, in answer to his lordship's reference of the 9th instant, relating to Charles Arrabella,

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Maryland.
Captain Hyde and
Captain Love.
Charles Arrabella in
prison for blasphemy.

Letter to
Lord Dartmouth.

Bermuda.
Letter to
Lord Dartmouth
Briggs, &c.
Piracy.

Newfoundland.
Memorial.
Fortifications.

Representation.
Letter to
Lord Dartmouth.

Maryland.
Letter to Lord
Dartmouth.
Arrabella's blasphemy.

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a prisoner in Maryland [fo. 144], directed at the last meeting, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

December 19. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A letter to the Lord Dartmouth, relating to Charles Arabella, a prisoner in Maryland [fo. 144], agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

Maryland.
Letter to
Lord Dartmouth.
Arabella.
Blasphemy.

Trade.
Letter from the
Duke of Queensberry.
African papers.

Letter to Mr. Perry.

Trade.
Letter to Mr.
Woolley. East
India exports.

Jamaica.
Letter to Mr.
Carkesse.
Duties on prize
goods.

The letter from the Duke of Queensberry of the 9th instant [fo. 132, 150], together with the papers presented to her Majesty by the Royal African Company therein referr'd to (mention'd in the minutes of the 12th ditto) [fo. 182], were read, and their lordships agreed to take the same into further consideration to-morrow morning, and ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. John Perry, signifying their lordships' desire to speak with some of the members of the said company on Fryday morning next.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Woolley, secretary to the East India Company, to remind him of that writ him the 18th of the last month [fo. 106, 153], desiring to know what exports were made by the said company between April, 1709, to April, 1710, and what between April, 1710, and September following.

Further ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Carkesse to hasten the accounts desired from him by the secretarie's letters of the 12th and 13th instant [fo. 134, 138], relating to the duties payable on prize goods at Jamaica.

December 20. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Moore.

An Order of Council of the 13th instant, referring to their lordships the three following addresses from the Council and Assembly of Maryland to her Majesty [fo. 324], was read, and their lordships agreed to take the same into consideration at a convenient opportunity, vizt. :

Address from the Council and Assembly of Maryland to her Majesty against the Governor's keeping the seal of that province.

Address from the General Assembly of Maryland to her Majesty, relating to two Acts repealed by her Majesty, *the one about gauge of tobacco hogsheads, the other against cropping and defacing the same*, as also to an Act against *devulgers of false news*.

Address from the General Assembly of Maryland to her Majesty, relating to Sir Thomas Laurence's claim to the ordinary licences in that province &c. [fo. 163].

Their lordships, again taking into consideration the papers relating to the Royal African Company mentioned in yesterday's minutes [fo. 147, 154], ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Perry, signifying their lordships' desire that such of the members of the said company, as shall attend them on Fryday, do come fully prepared to prove the allegations set forth in their petition to her Majesty.

Trade.
Africa.

Letter to Mr. Perry.

Answer of the separate traders to Africa, to the queries sent them the first of November, 1710, relating to that trade &c. dated the 11th of December, 1710, was read, together with the following papers therein referr'd to vizt. :

Account of ships sent from Great Britain, from Michaelmas 1708, to Michaelmas, 1709, by the African Company and separate traders, with the ten per cent. duty paid, number of woollen goods exported and negroes &c.

Account of ships sent from Great Britain and the plantations to Africa, by the separate traders, from Michaelmas, 1709, to Michaelmas, 1710, with the 10 per cent. duty paid. No. of woollen goods and negroes imported.

Testimonial of John Hays, master of the Dorset brigantine taken by a French man of war on the coast of Africa, relating to the Governor of the African Company's trading with the French, and going on board their ships.

Testimonial of Jacob Duce, relating to protection given by the Royal African Company's agents to the Portuguese ships trading to Africa.

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Answer of separate traders to queries.

Papers therein referr'd to.

December 21. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Baillie.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse in answer to three from the secretary of the 11th, 12th and 13th instant [*fo.* 135, 136, 138], relating to the duties payable on the importation of linnen and thread from Germany &c. and to the quantity of prize goods imported from Jamaica, was read, together with the papers therein referr'd to, which are as follows, vizt. :

Account of the quantities of prize goods imported from Jamaica, from Midsummer, 1708, to the 20th of November, 1710, with the amount of the duties thereon.

An account of the quantities of prize goods imported into the port of Bristol from Jamaica, from Michaelmas, 1708, to Michaelmas, 1710.

Account of the several duties on linnen and thread [*fo.* 166], imported from any parts of Germany, with the several years the duties were granted, and the nett duties of each particular.

Whereupon ordered that Sir Charles Wager, Colonel Lloyd, and Mr. Whitgift Aylmer have notice to attend the Board on Fryday, the 29th instant, and that the Lord Mayor be acquainted therewith ; and that, in case his lordship knows of any other persons that are capable of giving particular information in this matter, he would please to let them have notice likewise to attend at the same time.

December 22. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A letter from Mr. Thomas Woolley, secretary to the East India Company, dated the 20th instant [*fo.* 148], in answer to one writ him the 18th of the last month, giving an account of the said companie's exports, between April, 1709, and September, 1710, was read.

Trade.

Jamaica.

Letter from Mr.

Carkesse.

Duties on prize goods.

Duties on German

linen and thread.

Papers therein referr'd to.

*Several merchants summon'd.
Lord Mayor acquainted therewith.*

Trade.

Letter from Mr.

Woolley.

Exports to East India.

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Pennsylvania.

*Letter from Mr. Penn.**Surrender.**Answer to queries.*

A letter from Mr. Penn, of the 7th instant, in answer to one writ him the 4th of November last [*fo.* 93, 191], with several queries relating to his proposal to surrender the government of Pennsylvania to her Majesty, was read, whereupon their lordships agreed to take the same into further consideration at a convenient opportunity.

Trade.

African Company

Mr. Pindar, Deputy Governor of the Royal African Company [*fo.* 150], with Mr. Lake and several other members, and Sir Edward Gold, with several creditors of the said company, attending, they were acquainted that their lordships, having read the companie's petition to her Majesty, and papers therein referr'd to, were desirous to know whether the company had anything further to offer than what was contained in the said papers, particularly upon this single point, whether the trade to Africa could best be carried on for the benefit of the plantations by a company with a joint stock, exclusive of others, or whether any other method could be proposed for doing the same, forts and castles being agreed to be necessary. They said that it was impracticable to carry on that trade to the utmost advantage otherwise than by such a company, and they presented to their lordships the two following papers, vizt. :

*Reasons against the
separate traders'
scheme, and*

*for the companie's
speedy settlement.*

Their debts.

Reasons and arguments against the separate traders' scheme, and shewing the necessity of a joint stock establishment, for carrying on the trade to Africa.

Reasons shewing the necessity of the speedy settlement of the trade to Africa in a company with a joint stock.

Then being asked how their debts stood in the plantations, they presented to their lordships an account of the debts due to them from the several plantations therein mentioned.

Amounting to in old debts	65,520	18	9
And in new debts since the revolution	105,602	16	5

In the whole	£171,123	15	2
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Upon which they said that they had interest at ten per cent. allow'd them from their debtors in the plantations; that formerly they had agents for recovering of their debts, but those agents made in their accounts, fictitious debtors, whereby the company were considerable losers. After this they sold their negroes to the planters, and gave them credit, which occasioned in part the great debts owing to them. Then they appointed agents again from whom they have security in this kingdom; but for that reason they are forced to allow them three per cent. more than they did to their former factors.

Then being asked what they meant by that part of their scheme where they say they would be obliged to export to the coast of Africa in manufactures of this kingdom and other goods to the value of 100,000 pound annually; whether that export was intended only on account of trade, or whether part of it was to be apply'd to the use of forts and castles; they said, part for trade, and part to pay their officers; that by such an exportation, if the management of the trade was wholly in them, they did not doubt but that negroes might be had at a much cheaper rate then they are at present, and that they might be able to supply the wants of all

the plantations ; but that they could not enter into an engagement to do the same, unless there were agents here appointed from the said plantations, who should from time to time give them accounts of negroes wanting for each respective government, and that the said agents do contract with them that, when such negroes shall be imported to the said respective governments, they be then taken off their hands at certain rates, otherwise it would be an insupportable loss to them. Upon these terms they would venture to engage to supply the plantations annually with such numbers as they should want.

They then presented to their lordships an account of the improvement of the woollen manufactures by them, and being thereupon asked what they meant by anabasses, mentioned in the said account, they said, that they were a sort of a stuff made of wooll and cotton, between three and four yards long, and in value from three to five shillings a peice. They further laid before their lordships an account of the coinage of gold by the company from 1680 to 1688 amounting to 252,818 guineas.

Then being asked if they had anything further to offer to their lordships, they said that they had not, but that, if anything further did occur, they would wait upon their lordships with it.

These gentlemen being withdrawn, ordered that a copy of the companie's scheme above-mentioned (read the 19th instant) be sent to the separate traders [fo. 165], for what they may have to offer thereupon.

December 29. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A letter from Mr. James Du Pré, dated at New York the 4th of October, 1710, to Mr. James Vernon (communicated to the Board by Mr. Monckton) [fo. 186], giving an account of what Colonel Hunter has done towards the settlement of the Palatines on Hudson's River at New York, was read.

A letter from the Duke of Queensberry, of the 22nd instant, referring to the Board a petition of some Swedish merchants to her Majesty, praying for a pass for two Swedish ships to go from London to France, was read ; whereupon ordered that some of the persons concerned have notice to attend the Board on Tuesday morning next [fo. 162].

A letter from Mr. Whitworth, in answer to one writ him the 7th instant [fo. 127], for an account of what liberties and freedoms in trade her Majesty's subjects enjoy at Archangel, was read.

Copies of the several privileges granted by the Emperors of Russia [fo. 129], to the Merchants Adventurers of this kingdom trading thither &c. received from the Governor of the Russia Company, was laid before the Board ; whereupon ordered that the draught of a letter be prepared, in answer to that from the Duke of Queensberry [fo. 162], of the 22nd of the last month, read the 23rd ditto, relating to the opening a trade with Riga, Revel, &c. now in possession of the Czar of Muscovy.

Colonel Lloyd and Mr. Aylmer attending, as they had been desired the 21st instant [fo. 134, 153], Mr. Lowndes's letter of the 9th, relating to the duties on prize goods in Jamaica, was read, and

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Account of improvement of the woollen manufacture.

Account of coinage.

Company's scheme sent to the separate traders.

New York.
Letter from Mr. Du Pré.

Palatines.

Trade.
Letter from Duke of Queensberry. Petition of Swedish merchants. Passes for two ships. Parties summon'd.

Letter from Mr. Whitworth. Privileges in trade at Archangel.

Account of privileges in Russia from the company.

Letter to the Duke of Queensberry. Trade to Riga, Revel, &c.

Jamaica.
Colonel Lloyd and Mr. Aylmer. Mr. Lowndes's letter about duties on prize goods.

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being asked how much of the British duties they thought might be necessary to be taken off for the encouragement of privateers, they said, the whole; and, unless that were done, their seamen would not return again to that island; that her Majesty would not be a loser thereby, for all the prize goods brought into Jamaica (except some small quantity perhaps for the use of the island) are imported to this kingdom, where they pay the duty upon such prize goods; so that, if the British duty at Jamaica be not wholly taken off, there will be three duties paid upon the same goods, vizt. : the island duties, without which the government there cannot subsist; the British duties there, and the same duties again upon their importation here, which will effectually put a stop to all privateering at Jamaica, and has already been the occasion of their losing almost all their seamen. The foresaid duties are the heavier upon the Jamaica privateers, in that it is three times dearer to fit out a privateer there than it is here. Then being inquired of concerning the price of cocoa at Jamaica they said that depended upon the goodness and the quantity imported; that the best is generally sold between three or four pound per cwt.; that there was prize cocoa imported, which paid thirty-seven shillings per cwt. duty, and was sold but for forty shillings the sharoon (which is 150% weight), so that the captors were losers by that prize ten shillings and four pence upon every cwt. Then Colonel Lloyd communicated to their lordships a letter he had received from Jamaica, setting forth the hardships the privateers have undergone there in relation to the fore-mentioned duties, and particularly, that the collector of the British duty had taken bonds in the penalty of 130,000%., for 8,000% duties demanded; and Colonel Lloyd added that he had not heard of more than 1,200% actually paid upon the said duties. These gentlemen being withdrawn, ordered that a scheme of the said duties be prepared to be laid before the Board on Tuesday morning next.

*Letter from
Jamaica about those
duties.*

*Scheme to be drawn
thereupon.*

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January 2. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

*Trade.
Swedish masters of
ships.
Passes.*

Mr. Zacharias Zacharison and Joachim Konig, masters of two Swedish ships attending [fo. 159], as they had been desired the 29th of the last month, their petition to her Majesty, referr'd to in the Duke of Queensberry's letter of the 22nd of the same month, praying for a pass for the said ships to go to France, was read; and being asked several questions thereupon, they said that they intend to go to Bourdeaux or St. Martins, and there take in their lading, and from thence sail directly for Gottenburgh or Stand in Sweden, and that they do not intend to trade from port to port. These masters being withdrawn, their lordships gave directions for preparing the draught of an answer [fo. 164] to the aforementioned letter from the Duke of Queensberry.

*Letter to
Duke of Queensberry
thereupon.*

*Letter to
Duke of Queensberry.
Trade to Riga,
Revel, &c.*

The draught of a letter to the Duke of Queensberry, directed the 29th of the last month [fo. 159, 164], relating to the opening a trade to Riga, Revel &c. now in possession of the Czar of Muscovy, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

An Order of Council of the 13th of the last month, upon the petition of Sir Thomas Lawrence, relating to an address from the Assembly of Maryland to her Majesty [fo. 150, 223] wherein they deny his right to the benefit of fines payable on the granting licences to ordinaries &c. in that province, and praying that he may have full satisfaction for his losses sustained by their refusing to obey her Majesty's orders in that behalf, was read; whereupon ordered that all the papers in this office touching the said Sir Thomas Lawrence's (*sic*) claim be laid before their lordships on Monday the 9th instant.

A letter from Mr. Secretary St. John of the 23rd of December last, inclosing the extract of a letter from Mr. D'Alais, her Majesty's secretary at Hannover [fo. 135, 164], relating to the discourse he had had lately with the Elector of Hannover, touching the new imposition which has been laid upon the foreign cloths imported into that country, and of his Electoral Highness's sence on that matter, was read; whereupon order'd that all the papers in this office relating thereunto be laid before their lordships.

Proposals for redressing the irregular proceedings, and for preventing the unnecessary delays in the courts of justice of Barbadoes, were laid before the Board, and directions given for sending the same to Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor General [fo. 399], for their opinion thereupon.

January 3. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A letter to the Duke of Queensberry upon the petition of the masters of 2 Swedish ships [fo. 162], praying for a pass for the said ships to go to France, directed yesterday, was sign'd.

Another letter to the Duke of Queensberry relating to the opening of a trade with Riga, Revel and other parts of Livonia and Ingria now in possession of the Czar of Muscovy [fo. 162, 176], agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

Their lordships taking into consideration Mr. Secretary St. John's letter relating to the new imposition laid on foreign coarse cloths, [fo. 163], imported into the Elector of Hannover's dominions, mentioned in yesterday's minutes, ordered that a letter be writ to the Governor of the Hamburgh Company [fo. 170, 219], to acquaint him that his highness does persist in continuing the said duty, and that therefore, if the Company have any further reasons to offer or methods to propose to induce his highness to take off [f] the said duty, they do lay the same before their lordships on Fryday morning next.

Mr. Harris, Mr. Millner and Mr. Morice attending, they presented to their lordships a paper containing some objections to the scheme from the Royal African Company [fo. 158, 169], for an exclusive company; they also presented to their lordships a scheme from the separate traders to Africa [fo. 182], for the more effectual carrying on and preserving the trade to Africa, which were read; and their lordships agreed to take the same into consideration on Monday morning next.

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Maryland.

*Order of Council.
Petition of Sir
Thomas Lawrence.
Address of Assembly.
Ordinary licencies
(sic).*

Trade.

*Letter from Mr.
Secretary St. John
with extract of one
from Mr. D'Alais.
Imposition on cloath
at Hannover.*

Barbado's.

*Proposals.
Courts of justice
there.
Sent to Mr.
Attorney and
Solicitor General.*

Trade.

*Letter to the
Duke of Queensberry.
Passes for Swedish
ships.*

*Letter to the
Duke of Queensberry.
Trade with Riga,
Revel, &c.*

*Imposition on coarse
cloaths at Hannover*

*Letter to the
Governor of Ham-
burgh Company.*

Africa.

*Mr. Harris, Milner,
&c.
Objections against
the Company's scheme
Scheme of the
separate traders.*

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Jamaica.*Letter from Mr.
Carkesse.**Duty on prize goods.***Trade.***Thread imported
from Germany.***Jamaica.***Letter to Mr.
Lowndes.**Duties on prize goods.*

January 4. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A letter from Mr. Carkess, of the 3rd instant, inclosing an account of money that has been received in relation to prize goods in Jamaica, which on perusal their lordships found to be the same with that already in this office, referr'd to in Major General Handasyd's letter of the 25th of March, 1710, mentioned in the minutes of the 4th of May following (Jamaica L. No. 100), as also an account of the several sorts of thread imported from Germany from Christmas, 1701, to Christmas, 1706, in distinct years, was read; whereupon their lordships took into consideration the draught of a letter in answer to that from Mr. Lowndes of the 9th of the last month [*fo.* 134, 171], read the 12th ditto, relating to the duties payable on prize goods in Jamaica, and made a progress therein.

January 5. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A letter from Colonel Dudley, Governor of New England, dated at Boston the 15th November, 1710, was read; and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

List of causes in the inferior courts of Bristol and Barnstable in New England in 1710.

Several proclamations relating to the government of the Massachusetts Bay.

Minutes of Council of the Massachusetts Bay, from 1st January, 1708, to the 17th June, 1709.

Minutes of Council of the Massachusetts Bay, from the 18th of June, 1709, to the 4th February, 170⁹/₁₀.

Minutes of Council in Assembly of the Massachusetts Bay, from 26th October, 1709, to the 18th February, 170⁹/₁₀.

Acts pass'd in the Massachusetts Bay in 170⁹/₁₀.

Acts pass'd in the Massachusetts Bay the 27th day of March and 31st of May, 1710.

Minutes of the Council in Assembly of New Hampshire, from the 12th May, 1710, to the 23rd of October following.

Acts pass'd in New Hampshire the 16th May and 21st October, 1710.

Journal of Colonel Nicholson's expedition against Port Royal in the Boston News Letter, 1710.

Address from the Governor, Council and Assembly of New Hampshire to her Majesty, praying that ships of war may be sent in the spring for reducing Quebec and Montreal, dated 23rd October, 1710.

Whereupon a letter to the Lord Dartmouth, inclosing the above-mention'd address, was signed, and directions were given for sending to the Commissioners of the Customs paragraph C of Colonel Dudley's said letter, relating to collectors being appointed by them to take care of the trade in his governments, and to the want of a scout boat, to meet foreign ships on the coast; as also for sending paragraph D of the same letter, touching the people's being employ'd in building ships, or in the production of naval stores &c.,

*Address sent to
Lord Dartmouth.**Extract about want
of a scout boat sent
to the Custom House.
Another about naval
stores sent to the
Admiralty*

to divert them from turning their hands to the woollen manufacture, be sent to Mr. Burchet [fo. 183] for the consideration of the lords of the Admiralty.

A letter from Colonel Dudley to the secretary, dated the 15th November, 1710, giving him an account of some things he has wrote in his foresaid letter to their lordships, and inclosing part of a letter written to him by Mr. Waldron, relating to lands the said Waldron has in New Hampshire, was read.

A letter from Mr. Addington, secretary of the Massachusetts Bay, dated 14th November, transmitting the papers of publick proceedings, was read.

A letter from Mr. Richard Harris, inclosing the copy of a petition from the planters, merchants and inhabitants of Jamaica to the House of Commons, touching their being better furnishd there with negroes by the separate traders [fo. 165, 171], than by the Royal African Company, was read.

Order'd that Mr. Ward, Governor of the Hamburgh Company, with some other members thereof [fo. 165], be desired to attend the Board on Tuesday morning next, in relation to what was wrote to the said Governor by the secretary, the 3rd instant, touching the imposition laid on foreign coarse cloth imported into the Elector of Hannover's dominions.

A letter from Sir Ambrose Crowley to Mr. Moore, dated the 3rd instant, relating to iron and steel exported to the plantations &c. [fo. 173], being communicated to their lordships, ordered that Sir Ambrose have notice to attend the Board on Tuesday morning next.

January 8. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monekton, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A letter from the Lord Dartmouth, of the 5th instant, desiring an account of what Colonel Hunter has wrote to their lordships, relating to naval stores, and what improvements have been made therein [fo. 263], as also for their lordships' opinion what may be done for promoting that important service, was read ; whereupon order'd that such papers as are in this office relating thereunto be laid before the Board.

Their lordships took into consideration the draught of a letter to Mr. Lowndes relating to the duties payable on prize goods in Jamaica [fo. 166, 174], mentioned in the minutes of the 4th instant, and made a further progress therein.

Their lordships also taking into consideration the papers relating to the African trade [fo. 169], agreed to proceed further in the consideration of that matter on Wednesday morning next.

A letter from Colonel Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, dated the 24th October, 1710 [fo. 231], was read, and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

Proclamations relating to several matters.

Copy of the proceedings of the Commissioners appointed for settling the short boundaries between Virginia and Carolina, with the opinion of the Council thereupon.

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*Letter from
Colonel Dudley to the
secretary.*

*Waldron's land in
New Hampshire.*

*Letter from Mr.
Addington.*

**Trade.
Jamaica.**
*Letter from Mr.
Harris.
Petition from Jamaica.
Negroes.*

Trade.
*Hamburg Company
to attend.*

Cloaths at Hannover.

*Letter from Sir
Ambrose Crowley.
Iron and steel ex-
ported.*

New York.
Trade.
Naval stores.

Jamaica.
*Duties on prize goods.
Letter to
Mr. Lowndes.*

Trade.
African papers.

Virginia.
*Letter from
Colonel Spotswood.*

*Papers therein
referr'd to.*

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Memorial from Mr. Bird, Receiver General of Virginia, to the late Lord Treasurer relating to the quit rents there being paid in naval stores &c.

Minutes of Council of Virginia, from the 15th of October, 1709, to the 29th of April, 1710.

Minutes of Council of Virginia, from the 23rd of June, 1710, to the 15th of September following.

Whereupon their lordships agreed to reconsider paragraph E of the said letter, relating to the factions occasioned by dividing old and erecting new parishes &c.; paragraph I, relating to some irregular proceedings in the general court about lapsed and escheated lands, and about patenting of lands; as also paragraph H, relating to the settling the bounds with Carolina. They further agreed to communicate paragraph F of the same letter to Sir Ambrose Crowley, when he shall be at the Board to-morrow, touching a project for encouraging the iron mines lately discovered in that colony; and ordered that paragraph G, relating to the settling of a post through that country and the neighbouring colonies, be sent to Sir Thomas Frankland and Mr. Evelyn, Postmaster General, for their information.

*Extract sent to the
Postmaster General.*

January 9. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

Sir Ambrose Crowley with some other gentlemen concerned in the manufacturing of iron in this kingdom attending, the paper referr'd to in Sir Ambrose Crowley's letter to Mr. Moore [fo. 170, 174], mentioned in the minutes of the 5th instant, entituled, the case of the exporters of Great Britain's manufactured iron and steel to her Majesty's plantations and colonies &c., was read; and being thereupon asked several questions, they said that in the first and second years of their late Majestys King William and Queen Mary, the duties then amounted to 54 shillings per tun upon the importation of unwrought iron, and in the 2nd and 3rd years of her present Majesty's reign a draw back of 50 shillings and sixpence was allow'd upon the re-exportation of such foreign unwrought iron; that the duty upon manufactured iron is now 5*l.* per tun; that about the year 1708 there were 350 tuns of unwrought iron exported from hence to New England, and has increased since, and that there is not now exported of manufactured iron to New England above half the quantity of what used to be formerly; that, if the draw back upon the exportation of unwrought iron were taken off, they did not doubt, but that they should then be able to sell their iron ware so cheap as to prevent the people of New England from manufacturing of iron for the future. These gentlemen being withdrawn, ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Carkess, to move the Commissioners of the Customs [fo. 194], that their lordships may have an account of the quantities of unwrought foreign iron and steel exported to the plantations annually from Lady Day, 1702, to Michaelmas last [fo. 173].

A letter to Mr. Lowndes, relating to the duties payable on prize goods in Jamaica [fo. 171], mentioned in yesterday's minutes, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

Trade.

*Sir Ambrose
Crowley, &c.
Exports of iron.*

*Letter to Mr.
Carkesse for accounts
of foreign unwrought
iron and steel re-
exported.*

Jamaica.

*Letter to Mr.
Lowndes.
Duties on prize goods.*

January 10. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A letter from Mr. Secretary St. John, of the 8th instant, inclosing an extract of a letter from Mr. Wych, her Majesty's minister at Hamburgh, signifying that he had presented a memorial to the senate there [fo. 118, 232], conformable to the Board's observations in their letter of the 1st of the last month to Mr. Secretary St. John, relating to the convention for the herring trade &c., was read.

A letter from Colonel Hunter, Governor of New York (without date) relating to the government of that province [fo. 194], was read. Whereupon ordered that the Act past at the General Assembly of New Jersey the 30th of June, 1709, no. 2, mentioned in paragraph G of the said letter entituled *An Act for ascertaining the place of sitting of the representatives to meet in General Assembly* [fo. 227], be laid before their lordships.

Mr. Williams attending, presented to their lordships a memorial upon the 13 heads for a treaty of commerce with Venice [fo. 139, 182], mentioned in the minutes of the 14th of the last month, as also another memorial containing his observations on the propositions made by that Republick in order to such a treaty, mentioned also in the foregoing minutes, which were read; and Mr. Williams being asked if he had anything further to offer in relation to the said treaty, he said that he did not know of anything else at present.

Mr. Whitworth came to the Board by direction of the Duke of Queensberry, to acquaint their lordships that the meaning of his Grace's letter of the 22nd of November last, relating to the proposal to her Majesty for opening a trade to Riga, Revel, and other ports of Livonia and Ingria now in the possession of his Czarish Majesty [fo. 164, 177], was to have their lordship's opinion whether, for the better supply of naval stores to this kingdom, there will be such necessity for opening a trade to these parts, as may require that the doing thereof be insisted upon on the part of her Majesty.

January 11. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie.

Their lordships, taking into consideration what Mr. Whitworth said yesterday at the Board, touching the opening a trade to Riga and other ports now in the possession of his Czarish Majesty [fo. 176, 197], ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Wordsworth and Mr. Joy, for theirs and other Swedish merchants' opinion, whether there be such a necessity for opening a trade there, as may require the insisting thereupon on the part of her Majesty, together with their reasons for their opinion.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse, of the 23rd December last (in answer to one writ him the 7th ditto), inclosing an account of exports and imports [fo. 126] to and from the Venetian territories, with the values thereof, for the years 1700 and 1708, as also an account of what duties are payable upon the said accounts, were read; and their lordships thereupon, taking into consideration several heads for a treaty of commerce with Venice, gave directions for preparing the draught of a letter to the Lord Dartmouth, in answer to his

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Letter from Mr. Secretary St. John. Extract of one from Mr. Wych.

Herring trade at Hamburgh.

New York.

Letter from Colonel Hunter.

New Jersey.

Place of Assembly's sitting.

Trade.

Mr. Williams. His two memorials about treaty of commerce with Venice.

Mr. Whitworth about opening a trade to Riga, Revel, &c.

Trade.

To Riga, Revel, &c.

Letter to Mr. Wordsworth and Mr Joy

A letter from Mr. Carkesse. Venice. Exports and imports.

Letter to Lord Dartmouth. Treaty of commerce.

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New England.
Colonel Nicholson.
Reduction of Port
Royal.

Iron manufacture
in New England.

New York.
New Jersey.
Letter from Colonel
Hunter.
Papers therein
referred to.

lordship's of the 30th of November last [*fo.* 120], relating to such a treaty with Venice, mentioned in the minutes of the 14th of the last month.

Colonel Nicholson attending, and being asked in what state he left Port Royal as to civil and military government, he said that he had already presented such papers as he had by him, relating to that matter, to her Majesty, and that as soon as his other papers, which were left in a trunk at Plymouth, should arrive, and of which he was in daily expectation, he would then give their lordships as full information of what they desire to know as he was able.

Then being asked what he knew about the iron manufacture in New England, he said that there were some quantities imported there from hence every year, but how much he did not know; that he did not believe there is any more wrought there now than has been these many years; that they employ their blacks in that work, and that those that have not blacks may have labourers for eighteen pence or two shillings, their money per day.

A letter from Colonel Hunter, Governor of New York, dated the 14th November [*fo.* 194], upon several heads relating to the government thereof, as also of New Jersey, was read, and the papers therein refer'd to were laid before the Board and are as follows, vizt. :

Copy of Mr. Lewis Morris's speech in the Assembly of New York, recommending to them the reconsideration of the Governor's salary.

Draught of a tract of land on Hudson's River, containing 6,000 acres, purchased by Colonel Hunter of Mr. Livingston, for the settlement of the Palatines to be employ'd there in making naval stores.

Minutes of the Council of New York, from 14th June, 1710, to 11th November following.

Minutes of Assembly of New York, from 1st September, 1710, to 11th November following.

An ordinance by the Governor and Council of New York for the regulating and establishing fees.

An Act for the more ease of her Majesty's subjects in this colony.

An Act for establishing a revenue upon their Majesties for defraying the publick and necessary charges of the government, pass'd in 1692.

Acts past in New York the 30th of October, 1710.

Whereupon ordered that Mr. Dupré, who brought over the said letters and papers, have notice to attend the Board to-morrow morning, and that the draught of a letter be prepared, in answer to the Lord Dartmouth's letter of the 5th instant, signifying that their lordships are preparing an account of what Colonel Hunter writes in relation to naval stores and other matters [*fo.* 170, 181], to be laid before her Majesty.

January 12. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monekton, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A letter to the Lord Dartmouth, in answer to his lordship's of the 5th instant, signifying to his lordship that this Board are preparing

Mr. Du Pré
summond.
Letter to
Lord Dartmouth.

Naval stores.

New York
Letter to
Lord Dartmouth.

an account of what Mr. Hunter, Governor of New York, has written in relation to naval stores &c. [fo. 180], to be laid before her Majesty, directed yesterday, was signed.

Their lordships then took into consideration the letter from the Duke of Queensberry of the 9th of December, 1710, referring to this Board the petitions from the Royal African Company to her Majesty [fo. 132, 183], mentioned in the minutes of the 12th of the same month, which was again read, as also two schemes, one from the said company read the 19th ditto [fo. 148], the other from the separate traders read the 3rd instant [fo. 165], both the said schemes containing proposals for the carrying on that trade; whereupon their lordships agreed to proceed in the further consideration of the African trade on Monday morning next.

January 15. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

Their lordships taking into consideration the draught of a letter to the Lord Dartmouth, in answer to his lordship's of the 3rd of November, relating to a treaty of commerce with the Republick of Venice [fo. 176, 190], mentioned in the minutes of the 10th instant, made a progress therein.

Their lordships then proceeded in the further consideration of the trade to Africa [fo. 181], as they had agreed at the last meeting, and framed several queries for the separate traders, and gave directions for sending the same to them, and that they be desired to attend the Board thereupon on Tuesday, the 23rd instant, and come prepared to lay before their lordships, whatever they have to offer by way of answer to the said queries [fo. 184], in maintenance of their scheme, read the 3rd instant, and that the company be acquainted therewith, and desired to attend at the same time.

January 16. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie.

A letter from Mr. Burchet of the 12th instant [fo. 169], in answer to one writ him the 5th ditto, relating to the importation of spars and long boards (not to be had elsewhere) from New England, mentioned in Colonel Dudley's letter of the 15th November, 1710, paragraph D, read the 5th instant, with the opinion of the Navy Board thereupon, that they had no objection, and could not fix a premium, was read.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse, of the 12th instant, with an account of naval stores imported into this kingdom from her Majesty's plantations, and other foreign parts, from Christmas, 1708, to Christmas, 1709, was read, as also the following account referred to in the said letter, vizt.:

Account of naval stores imported from the plantations &c. between Christmas, 1708, and Christmas, 1709.

Ordered that this account be added to the former accounts, that observations may be made upon the increase or decrease of the importations.

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Naval stores.

Trade.
Africa.

Trade.
Venice.
Treaty of commerce.
Letter to
Lord Dartmouth.

Trade
to Africa.
Queries sent to
separate traders.

Royal African
Company summonsd.

New England.
Letter from Mr.
Burchet.
Importation of spars
and long boards.
Opinion of Navy
Board.

Trade.
Plantations General.
Letter from Mr.
Carkesse.
Account of naval
stores imported.

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Trade.

*Letter to Mr. Perry
and separate traders
to Africa with
queries.*

A letter to Mr. Perry, secretary to the Royal African Company, as also a letter to the separate traders to Africa [fo. 183, 202], inclosing several queries to them, relating to the carrying on of that trade, as directed yesterday, were agreed and ordered to be sent.

New York.

*Letter from Colonel
Hunter.*

A letter from Colonel Hunter, Governor of New York, dated the 28th of November, 1710, was read, and the papers therein referr'd to, were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

*Papers therein
referr'd to.*

Reasons for the Council's insisting on their amendments to the Bill entituled, an Act for the Treasurer's paying sundry sums of money.

Amendments made to the Bill entituled, an Act for the Treasurer's paying sundry sums of money.

Further reasons for the Council's insisting on their amendments to the Bill, entituled, an Act for the Treasurer's paying sundry sums of money.

Reasons why the Assembly cannot agree to the amendments insisted on by the Council to the Bill entituled, an Act for the Treasurer's paying sundry sums of money.

Minutes of the Council of New York, from the 14th June, 1710, to the 25th November following.

Minutes of the Assembly of New York, from the 1st September, 1710, to the 25th November, 1710.

Act for the Treasurer's paying sundry sums of money.

New York.

Mr. Du Pré.

*Answers to queries
about Palatines, &c.*

Mr. Dupré, lately arrived from New York, with a packet from Mr. Hunter, Governor of that province, attending as directed [fo. 158], and being asked several questions upon some paragraphs in Mr. Hunter's letter, answer'd as follows, vizt. :

Queries.

What number of Palatines, distinguishing the men, women and children, were at New York when you came away ?

Mr. Dupré's answer.

That there were when he came away 2,227, but he could not distinguish what were men, women and children. He added that he had an account by him, a copy whereof he would send to their lordships.

For what numbers are there lands set out ? In what manner seated, and how forward are they in their settlements ?

There are lands set out for all. There are 3 towns on the east, and 2 on the west side of Hudsons River. The houses and gardens are about 40 foot in front and 50 in depth. The towns on the west side contain'd the one 141 and the other 117 persons; those on the east side had already built their huts. They were all well disposed to settle, some of them had by their labour at New York got where-withal to buy themselves cattle.

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How convenient are their settlements for the produce of tar, and other naval stores?

Very convenient, the pine lands being contiguous to those they are seated on.

What matters are you instructed to solicit at the Treasury? What steps have you made, and what has been done therein; particularly with relation to the money allow'd according to the scheme for settling the Palatines?

He is ordered by the Governor to sollicite a subsistence for the Palatines for 2 years at 15,000*l.* per annum. He has made no steps as yet. But Mr. Perry, to whom the Governor has transmitted bills for 4,700*l.* on the Treasury, is soliciting the payment thereof.

What has been paid at New York for the subsistence of those Palatines to the time you came away? How much of the money for which Mr. Hunter had credit has been expended, and what will be the charge of their yearly subsistence according to the scheme which Mr. Hunter has transmitted to the Treasury?

He cannot tell exactly, but will send an account of the expence for 1 month, which as he remembers, is about 1,641*l.* at 6*d.* a day for adults and 4*d.* a day for all under ten years, out of which the Governor does pay the contingent charges. He had already disbursed 8,000*l.* for which he had credit, and the above-mentioned 4,700*l.*

Have you any particular directions in relation to the payment of the Governor's salary?

He has none.

What directions have you to solicit an additional salary for Mr. Bridger on account of his service at New York, relating to naval stores, and for how much?

None.

Can you tell whether Mr. Bridger has been paid for that service out of the mony appropriated for the defraying the charge of that scheme, and if so, how much he may have received?

Mr. Bridger has not received anything on account of that service, nor even his travelling charges from New England to New York.

Have you anything to offer to this Board further than what you have said in answer to those questions?

He had nothing further.

Then Mr. Keil, likewise lately arrived from New York with another packet from Mr. Hunter, attending, and being asked what difficulties he had observed that the Governor had met with from

*Mr. Keil.
Difficulties about
settlement of a
revenue at New
York.*

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the Assembly, as to the settlement of a revenue for the support of that government, whence those difficulties have arisen, and what he had observed to be the disposition of the representatives in Assembly as to that matter?

He said that the Assembly would not comply in settling the revenue; that they had given the Governor some ounces of plate in lieu of salary, which would not amount to above 500*l.*, and that the Assembly are of opinion that the crown has no right to appoint a salary for the Governor out of the revenue of that province.

Colonel Hunter's letters to be considered.

Mr. Keil being withdrawn, their lordships agreed to take Mr. Hunter's late letters and the papers therein refer'd to, into consideration on Fryday morning next.

Bermuda.

Memorial from

Mr. Nodin.

Act about

Richard Jennings.

Mr. Nodin's sum-
mond.

A memorial from Mr. Charles Nodin praying that an Act pass'd in Bermuda, the 19th January, 170⁹/₁₀ [*fo.* 192], entituled *An Act empowering Richard Jennings to sell one share of land in Smith's tribe*, may receive her Majesty's royal approbation, was read. Whereupon ordered that Mr. Nodin have notice to attend the Board on Thursday morning next.

January 17. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

Trade.
Letter to
Lord Dartmouth.
Treaty with Venice.

Their lordships took into consideration the draught of a letter to the Lord Dartmouth, mentioned in the minutes of the 15th instant, relating to a treaty of commerce with Venice [*fo.* 182], and made a further progress therein, and order'd that Mr. Williams, Mr. Jamineau [*fo.* 204], and other merchants trading to the dominions of that Republick, have notice to attend the Board on Wednesday morning next.

Merchants sum-
mond.

January 18. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie.

Pennsylvania.
Letter from
Lord Dartmouth.
Memorial from
Mr. Penn and other
papers. Surrender
of his government.

A letter from the Lord Dartmouth, of the 31st of July, 1710, referring to the Board a memorial from Mr. Penn (mentioned in the minutes of the 31st of October following) [*fo.* 93, 216], proposing a surrender of his government of Pennsylvania; a letter from the secretary to Mr. Penn, dated the 4th November, 1710, with several queries upon his foregoing proposal; and a letter from Mr. Penn, of the 7th of December, 1710 (mentioned in the minutes of the 22nd ditto) [*fo.* 154], in answer to the secretary's said letter, were all read; and Mr. Penn attending, and being asked several questions, he said that his first expedition to the said province cost him 10,000*l.*; that the purchase he made from the natives there cost him between 3 or 4,000*l.*; that his last going thither cost him 5,000*l.*; and that in the whole he had been out of pocket in the settling of that province about 50,000*l.*; that he did not know of any fixed revenue settled for the support of the government of the said province, but he doubted not it would now be done, the present Assembly being inclined to settle a revenue, though he believed it would be from year to year; besides which there would accrue to her Majesty, in case of his surrender, by fines and forfeitures, about 4 or 500*l.* per annum, and, by the duty of one penny per pound on tobacco, about 500*l.* per annum more. Mr. Penn being

Questions answer'd
by Mr. Penn.

withdrawn, directions were given for preparing the draught of a letter to the Lord Dartmouth thereupon.

Mr. Nodin attending as directed, in relation to the Act passed in Bermuda empowering Richard Jennings to sell one share of land in Smith's tribe [*fo.* 189], mentioned in the minutes of the 16th instant, was acquainted that there were several objections to the said Act, vizt. : That the land in the Bill is vested in Richard Jennings in fee, whereas it ought to have been vested in trustees to be by them sold, and the money arising thereby apply'd to the just payment of the debts of the said Richard Jennings, according to the true intent and meaning of that Act ; and that the surplus, if any there be, ought to be laid out upon a purchase of lands to be settled to the same uses, as the lands directed to be sold were limited and settled, and that there was no saving of the right of the crown or of bodies politick ; that their lordships intended therefore, not to lay the said Act before her Majesty, but to signify to the Governor the objections they have to it, in order to his getting a new law past not liable to the said objections.

January 19. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows,

Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse of the 17th instant, in answer to one writ him the 9th ditto [*fo.* 174, 205], inclosing an account of foreign unwrought iron and steel, exported to the plantations, from Christmas, 1701, to Michaelmas, 1710, was read. Whereupon ordered that Mr. Carkess be desired to let their lordships know the names of some of the principal exporters of foreign unwrought iron and steel to the plantations.

Then their lordships took into consideration the late letters from Mr. Hunter, Governor of New York and New Jersey, as resolved the 16th instant, and read 2 of the said letters vizt. : That without date (supposed to be of the 3rd of October) [*fo.* 175], and that of the 14th of November last [*fo.* 179], with the several papers therein referr'd to, and gave directions for preparing a representation to lay before her Majesty several matters contained in the said letters, and for returning an answer to Mr. Hunter upon several heads thereof ; and further ordered that, upon part of paragraph H of the foresaid letter of the 14th November last, wherein he mentions the 4 companies at New York, a letter be writ to Mr. Sloper, agent for the said companies [*fo.* 197], desiring him to inform their lordships what number of effective men there were in the said 4 companies, when the last account thereof was transmitted, and to what time that account does go. Then their lordships agreed to proceed further in the consideration of the 3rd letter and papers from Mr. Hunter on Monday morning next.

A letter from Mr. Secretary St. John, of the 18th instant, signifying her Majesty's pleasure that the Board, as far as they are concerned, do comply with the address inclosed in his said letter to her Majesty from the House of Commons, of the 16th, praying that the commissions constituting trustees for distribution of the charity collected for the Palatines, and all orders and other papers relating to the bringing over and subsisting the said Palatines, may be laid

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Letter to
Lord Dartmouth.

Bermuda.

Mr. Nodin.
Act about Mr.
Jennings. Objections
to it.

Plantations General.
Trade.

Letter from Mr.
Carkesse.

Iron and steel ex-
ported.

Letter to Mr.
Carkesse.

Names of exporters.

New York.

Letter from Colonel
Hunter consider'd.

Representation
thereupon.

Letter to Mr.
Sloper. Effective
men in the four
companies.

New York.

Miscellanies.

Jamaica.

Letter from Mr.
Secretary St. John.

Address of
House of Commons.
Palatines.

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before that House, was read, and directions given for preparing copies of such papers as are in this office relating thereunto [fo. 209].

January 22. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A letter from Mr. Philp, Deputy Governor of the Eastland Company, of the 19th instant, in answer to one writ him the 13th ditto for the opinion of the said company, whether there be such a necessity for opening a trade to Riga, Revel, and other ports [fo. 177] now in the possession of the Czar of Muscovy, as may require the insisting thereupon on the part of her Majesty, together with their reasons for their opinion ; which reasons being contain'd in the said letter, the same was read, and a letter to the Duke of Queensberry thereupon [fo. 111], was signed.

A letter from Mr. Sloper, agent to the 4 companies of soldiers at New York, dated the 20th instant [fo. 195], inclosing an abstract of the effective men upon the muster rolls returned from thence, for the said 4 companies, were read ; whereupon ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Granville, Secretary at War, for copies of the establishment of the above-mentioned companies of soldiers at New York, as likewise for the soldiers in Jamaica and the Leeward Islands.

Their lordships proceeded in the consideration of the letters from Colonel Hunter, Governor of New York, as agreed the 19th instant, and read that of the 28th of November, being the last of the letters [fo. 185], and gave directions for preparing the draught of a representation [fo. 204], for laying before her Majesty such parts of the said letters as relate to the settlement of the Palatines, and to the production of naval stores ; as also the draught of another representation for laying before her Majesty what Colonel Hunter writes in relation to the settling of the revenue [fo. 226].

A letter from Mr. Bridger, Surveyor General of her Majesty's woods on the continent of America, dated the 10th of November, 1710, giving an account of his arrival there, to instruct the Palatines in making naval stores ; of their being settled on Hudson's River, the advantage the carrying on that work will be to this kingdom, and desiring an additional allowance &c. was read.

A second letter from Mr. Bridger of the 13th of November, 1710, relating to the settlement of the Palatines, and desiring he may have a commission for the instructing them in making pitch and tar, and that travelling charges may be allow'd him, as are allow'd other her Majesty's officers in the plantations, was read.

A third letter from Mr. Bridger, of the 27th of the same month, giving an account of the quantity of masts, pitch and tar, sent from New England by the mast fleet to this kingdom, and of the complaint made against him by Mr. Collins, and of his own arrival at Boston, was also read ; whereupon ordered that what the said Mr. Bridger writes in relation to naval stores and the Palatines,

Trade.

*Letter from Mr.
Philp, Eastland
Company.
Trade to Riga,
Revel, &c.*

*Letter to the
Duke of Queensberry.*

New York.

*Letter from Mr.
Sloper.
Effective men in the
four companies.*

*Letter to Mr.
Granville.
Establishment of the
said companies.*

Jamaica.

Leeward Islands.
*Establishment of the
soldiers there.*

New York.

*Colonel Hunter's
letters.*

Representations.

*Palatines.
Naval stores.*

Revenue.

*Letter from Mr.
Bridger.*

*Palatines.
Naval stores.*

*Second letter from
him.*

New England.

*Third letter from Mr.
Bridger.
Naval stores sent
from New England,
&c.*

be added to the afore-mentioned draught of a representation to her Majesty [fo. 221].

January 23. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A letter from Colonel Jennings, President of the Council of Virginia, the 19th of August, 1710, acquainting their lordships that Colonel Spotswood arrived there the 23rd of January, 170⁹/₁₀, and had taken upon him the government of that colony, was read.

A letter from Colonel Lillington, President of the Council of Barbadoes, dated the 2nd November, 1710, acknowledging the secretary's letter of the 29th of August last [fo. 57, 81], and transmitting duplicates of the Minutes of Council and Assembly, relating to the Excise Bill and the nomination of a Treasurer, with his own observations thereupon, was read, and directions given for preparing an answer thereunto [fo. 230].

Letter from Mr. Saltonstal, Deputy Governor of Connecticut, dated the 3rd of July, 1710, giving an account that no negroes have been imported there from the 25th of December, 1708, to the 25th of December, 1709, was read.

Another letter from Mr. Saltonstal, dated the 8th of August, 1710, acknowledging their lordships' letter of the 16th of January, 170⁹/₁₀ [N. fo. 335; fo. 230], rectifying a mistake in the last letter from that government, about the number of the militia there, and promising a copy of the laws of that colony, was read; whereupon ordered that an answer be prepared to the said letter.

A letter from Mr. Cranston, Deputy Governor of the colony of Rhode Island, dated the 15th of November, 1710, acknowledging the receipt of their lordships' letter of the 16th January, 170⁹/₁₀ [N. fo. 335; fo. 230], together with the copy of an Act pass'd in that island in October, 1710, for stating and settling collectors and naval officers' fees within this government, was read; whereupon ordered that paragraphs D, E and F of the said letter, relating to the collectors exacting unusual fees, to their allowing no more than one port for entring and clearing vessels, &c. be sent to Mr. Carkesse, to be laid before the Commissioners of the Customs for their consideration. Further ordered, that an answer be prepared to the said letter from Mr. Cranston.

Mr. Pindar, Deputy Governor of the Royal African Company, with several other of the members of the said Company attending [fo. 184, 211], together with the separate traders, as directed the 16th instant, the 3 queries then transmitted to them were read; whereupon the separate traders laid before the Board a memorial containing their answers to the said three queries, and the company presented to their lordships their observations upon the same; both which papers were read. The African Company further presented to their lordships an abstract of what they had formerly laid before this Board, relating to that trade, and these gentlemen, after having been fully heard as to what they had further to offer, being withdrawn, their lordships agreed to take the said

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Virginia.
Letter from Colonel Jennings.

Barbadoes.
Letter from Colonel Lillington, with papers, &c.

Connecticut.
Letter from Mr. Santonstal. Negroes, &c.

Second letter from Mr. Santonstal.

Militia.
Laws, &c.

Rhode Island.
Letter from Mr. Cranston.

Extract sent to Mr. Carkesse.

Trade.
African Company and separate traders.

Memorial on queries. Company's observations.

Abstract of what they have offer'd.

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observations and answers into consideration on Fryday morning next.

January 24. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Moore.

Trade.
*Letter from the
Duke of Queensberry.
Trade to the
Czar's dominions.
Letter to Sir
Benjamin Ayloffe,
Russia Company.*

Their lordships taking into consideration the letter from the Duke of Queensberry, of the 1st of the last month, read the 4th ditto, relating to the British trade to the Czar's dominions [*fo.* 120, 212], ordered that a letter be sent to Sir Benjamin Ayloffe, Governor of the Russia Company [*fo.* 210], to know whether the said company have anything to propose for the advantage and security of the British trade to Archangel.

Trade.
*Letter from Mr.
Williams.*

A letter from Mr. Thomas Williams, in answer to one writ him the 17th [*fo.* 190, 213], acquainting their lordships that, by reason of his having been ill, he could not wait on them with Mr. Jaminean and other merchants trading to Venice, as desired by their lordships, but that he would do it the last of this month, was read. Whereupon ordered that he be acquainted that their lordships will expect them at that time.

Venice.

New York.
*Draught of repre-
sentation.
Palatines.
Naval stores.
Mr. Du Pré
summon'd.*

Their lordships then took into consideration the draught of a representation upon what Mr. Hunter, Governor of New York, writes in his late letters, relating to the Palatines and naval stores [*fo.* 198, 216] in that province, and made a progress therein, and ordered that Mr. Dupre have notice to attend the Board to-morrow morning [*fo.* 205].

January 25. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

Plantations General.
Trade.
*Representation.
Iron and steel.*

The draught of a representation relating to the exportation of iron and steel to her Majesty's plantations [*fo.* 194, 208], being laid before the Board, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

New York.
*Mr. Du Pré.
Account of Palatines.*

Mr. Du Pré attending [*fo.* 204], as desir'd, communicated to their lordships a paper intituled, An Account of the effective number of the Palatines subsisted for one month from the 28th of September to the 28th of October, 1710, both inclusive, and an estimate of things necessary for the settlement of the Palatines, together with the yearly salaries to officers and other incidents; whereupon their lordships gave directions for taking a copy thereof; and the Board inquiring what might be the reason of Mr. Hunter's proposal for subsisting the said Palatines longer than one year, as at first calculated, Mr. Du Pré said, that the Palatines arriving at New York about the end of June, 1710, the Governor had information of lands for their settlement, but the same being judged so remote as greatly to advance the charge of carrying them provisions and necessaries, Colonel Livingston made an offer of some of his lands on Hudsons River; with whom the Governor came to an agreement about September following, at which time the Palatines set forward for the place of their intended settlement, and the last of them arrived on the said lands about November. That the first year may be look'd upon as lost, in case of the usual hard weather there in the winter, and that the said Palatines will not have time in the 2nd year to clear land and plant sufficient for their subsistence

during the 3rd year, having no cattle, and a great part of their labour taken up in the spring to prepare trees for the making of tar. That these people may be able the 2nd year to get some part of their subsistence, in which year 15,000*l.* will fall short of defraying the rest of the charge, on account of their maintenance with the contingencies, though that deficiency will probably be ballanced the 3rd year by the Palatines contributing more to their own support. Mr. Du Pré being asked from what time the 2 years were to commence, for which a further subsistence was now desired, he said from June, 1710, to June, 1712.

The draught of a letter to Colonel Dudley, Governor of the Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire [*fo.* 211] was laid before the Board, and their lordships made a progress in the consideration thereof.

January 26. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows,

Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie.

A representation relating to the state of the manufacture of iron and steel in this kingdom [*fo.* 205, 219], with regard to her Majesty's plantations in America, agreed at the last meeting, together with a letter inclosing the same to the Lord Dartmouth, were signed.

Mr. William Keen, who came away from Newfoundland in 1709 [*fo.* 214], attending, he presented to their lordships a memorial containing a discovery of several illegal and indirect practices committed there by the commanders of the garrison of St. Johns since the year 1706, which was read; and being asked the name of the steward mentioned in the 2nd article of his memorial, he said that it was I'Anson, who was a gunner during the time that Major Lloyd commanded in Newfoundland. Then being desired by their lordships to let them have a more particular and distinct account of the facts set forth in his said memorial, he promised to draw up such an account, and lay the same before their lordships accordingly.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Hunter, Governor of New York [*fo.* 211] as also the draught of a letter to Mr. Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, were agreed, and ordered to be transcrib'd.

The secretary having, in pursuance of the letter from Mr. Secretary St. John of the 18th instant (read the 19th ditto) prepared copies of all the papers in this office relating to the Palatines [*fo.* 196], together with a list of the said papers required by the address of the House of Commons to her Majesty, inclosed in the said letter, the same were laid before the Board, and Mr. Monckton being desired to present them to the House, he undertook to do it accordingly.

January 29. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows,

Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie,

Mr. Moore.

A memorial from the Muscovia Company, in answer to a letter writ to Sir Benjamin Ayloff, Governor thereof [*fo.* 203], touching the trade to Archangel, informing their lordships that the false packing of hemp and flax from thence, is become a great grievance,

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New England.
*Draught of a letter
to Colonel Dudley.*

Plantations General.
Trade.
*Representation.
Iron and steel.*

Newfoundland.
*Mr. Keen.
Memorial.
Indirect practices of
the commanders of
the garrison.*

*Further memorial
promised.*

New York.
Virginia.
*Letters to the
Governors.*

New York.
Jamaica.
Miscellanies.
*Palatines.
Papers presented to
the
House of Commons.*

Trade.
*Muscovia Company's
memorial.
Trade to Archangel.*

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*Letter to the
Duke of Queensberry.*

**New England.
New York.
Virginia.**
*Letters to the
Governors.*

**Trade.
Barbadoes.**
Africa.

*Heads of a
representation.*

and that if some expedient be not found to prevent the same for the future, it will be a very great discouragement to that trade, was read; and directions were given for preparing the draught of an answer to the Duke of Queensberry's letter of 1st December [fo. 212], read the 4th ditto, relating to the British trade to the Czar's dominions.

A letter to Mr. Dudley, Governor of the Massachusetts Bay, a letter to Mr. Hunter, Governor of New York [fo. 209], and a letter to Mr. Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, agreed at the last meeting, were signed.

Then their lordships proceeded in the consideration of the petitions from the Royal African Company [fo. 202, 248], and from the planters and inhabitants of Barbadoes, referred to their lordships by the Duke of Queensberry's letter of the 9th of December last, and read the queries sent to the separate traders and the company the 16th instant, as also the separate traders' answers to, and the company's observations upon, the said queries; and their lordships, after having consider'd the whole matter, agreed to lay a state thereof before her Majesty with their opinion.

That the trade to Africa is very valuable, and of the greatest importance to this kingdom and the plantations.

That forts and settlements are necessary for the carrying on and preservation of that trade.

That the said trade ought to be speedily settled, by reason the Act of Parliament, under which it is now carried on, will soon expire.

That if the regulations &c. in the separate traders' scheme shall be judg'd by her Majesty in Parliament proper for preserving and carrying on the trade, it will be for the interest of this kingdom that the trade to Africa be free and open, and thereupon gave directions for preparing the draught of a representation [fo. 213] pursuant to the foregoing heads.

January 31. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

Trade.
*To Archangel.
Letter to
Duke of Queensberry.*

**Trade.
Barbados.**
*Africa.
Representation.*

A letter to the Duke of Queensberry, in answer to one from his Grace of the 1st of December last [fo. 203] (read the 4th ditto), relating to the British trade to Archangel, directed the last meeting, was signed.

Their lordships took into consideration the draught of a representation upon the petitions from the Royal African Company [fo. 212, 214], and from several inhabitants and planters of Barbadoes, as likewise the papers from the separate traders, mentioned in the minutes of the last meeting, and agreed the same, and ordered it to be transcribed.

Trade.
*Venice.
Treaty of Commerce.
Mr. Williams,
Jaminean, &c.*

Mr. Williams, Mr. Jaminean [fo. 204], Mr. Capel Wall and Mr. Thomas Palmer, Venetian merchants, attending as they had been desired, in relation to a treaty of commerce with the Republick of Venice; the heads of grievances, as agreed the 17th instant, were read to them; and after some discourse thereupon these gentlemen being asked if they had anything further to offer touching such a treaty, they said they had not. Whereupon their lordships

agreed to proceed further in the consideration of that matter at the first opportunity [*fo.* 219, 221].

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February 1. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie.

A memorial from Mr. Keen, who has long resided in Newfoundland [*fo.* 208], containing an account of the irregular proceedings and mismanagements committed by the commanders of the garrison there, was read. Whereupon ordered that the draught of a letter to the Lord Dartmouth [*fo.* 215] be prepared for transmitting a copy of the said memorial to his lordship.

A representation upon the petitions from the Royal African Company and from several planters and inhabitants of Barbadoes &c. [*fo.* 213], agreed yesterday, together with a letter to the Duke of Queensberry inclosing the same, were signed.

Mr. Campbell attending [*fo.* 222] and desiring their lordships would be pleased to proceed in finishing their representation on his petition, he was asked what objections he had, to what their lordships had already done in that matter. Whereupon he said that in his memorial, delivered to their lordships the 26th of May last, he had stated all he had to offer upon that subject, upon which he was directed to mark out such places of his said memorial as he thought of most importance, that their lordships may reconsider the same, which he promised to do accordingly.

Newfoundland.
Memorial from
Mr. Keen against
comanders of the
garrison.
Letter to
Lord Dartmouth.

Trade.
Barbados.
Africa.
Representation, &c.

Newfoundland.
Mr. Campbell about
representation on his
petition.

February 2. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie.

A letter to the Lord Dartmouth, inclosing the copy of a memorial from Mr. Keen [*fo.* 214, 250], a Newfoundland merchant, containing an account of several illegal and indirect practices committed by the commander of her Majesty's fort and garrison there, directed at the last meeting, was signed.

The draught of a representation upon what Mr. Hunter, Governor of New York writes, in relation to the progress that has been made there in the settlement of the Palatines &c. [*fo.* 204, 221], was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

A memorial from Mr. Penn, in addition to his petition to her Majesty, referr'd to this Board (mentioned in the minutes of the 18th last month), relating to the surrender of his government of Pennsylvania to her Majesty [*fo.* 191, 222], was read, and directions given for preparing the draught of a representation upon Mr. Penn's said petition.

Newfoundland.
Letter to
Lord Dartmouth.
Mr. Keen's memorial.

New York.
Representation.
Colonel Hunter's
letters.
Palatines.

Pennsylvania.
Memorial from Mr.
Penn.
Surrender.

February 5. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Moore.

A letter from the Lord Archibald Hamilton, of the 1st instant, recommending Mr. Richard Rigby to be a member of the Council of Jamaica, in the room of Mr. Richard Thompson, who his lordship says has no thoughts of returning to that island, was read. Whereupon ordered that an answer be returned to his lordship, that

Jamaica.
Letter from Lord
Archibald Hamilton.
Rigby recommended
to be of the Council.

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New England.
Commission appointing Mr. Dummer agent.

New England.
Memorial from Mr. Dummer.
Fishery, &c.

when Mr. Thompson [*fo.* 223], does inform the Board that he has no intention of going to Jamaica, their lordships will take the same into further consideration.

Copy of a commission dated at Boston the 11th of November, 1710, from Colonel Dudley, appointing Mr. Jeremiah Dummer, agent of the province of the Massachusetts Bay [*fo.* 3, 218], was read.

A memorial from the said Dummer, in behalf of the province of the Massachusetts Bay, praying a free liberty to fish and whale off that coast in all its harbours, bays &c. [*fo.* 217], and that her Majesty will pursue the late success at Port Royal by another expedition against Canada &c. was read.

February 7. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney.

Maryland.
Letter from Lord Dartmouth.
Petition from Lord Baltimore about right of appointing a Governor.

Trade.
Letter to Lord Dartmouth.
Treaty of commerce with Venice.

Plantations General.
Trade.
Clause of a Bill about drawbacks on iron and steel.

A letter from the Lord Dartmouth, of the 5th instant, referring to their lordships a petition from the Lord Baltimore [*fo.* 239], relating to his right of appointing governors for the province of Maryland, was read, and directions were given for laying before the Board the papers in this office relating to that matter.

The draught of a letter to the Lord Dartmouth, in answer to his lordship's of the 30th of November last, relating to a treaty of commerce, with the Republick of Venice [*fo.* 126, 221], was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

A letter from the Lord Dartmouth, of the 5th instant, directing their lordships to prepare a clause to be offer'd to the House of Commons, in order to its being inserted in a Bill for enacting that no drawbacks be allow'd in the exportation of foreign unwrought iron and steel to the plantations [*fo.* 208, 220], was read. Whereupon their lordships agreed to take the same into consideration at their next meeting.

Trade.
Memorial from Hamburgh Company.
Coarse cloth at Hannover.
Letter to Mr. Secretary St. John.

A memorial from the Hamburgh Company, in answer to the letter writ them the 3rd of the last month, relating to the duties laid by the Elector of Hannover on foreign coarse cloth [*fo.* 165, 221], imported into his highness's dominions was read. Whereupon the draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary St. John, in answer to his of 23rd December last, relating to the said duties, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

February 8. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie.

Plantations General.
Trade.
Drawback on iron and steel.

Clause of a Bill thereupon.

Miscellanies.
Incident accounts.

The letter from Lord Dartmouth, of the 5th instant, relating to a clause to be inserted in a Bill, enacting that no drawbacks be allowed on the exportation of foreign unwrought iron and steel to the plantations [*fo.* 219], mentioned in yesterday's minutes, was again read, and the draught of a clause for that purpose being prepared, Sir Charles Turner, at the desire of the Board, undertook to follow it in the House of Commons.

The accounts of the incidents' charges of this office, from Michaelmas, 1710, to Christmas following, were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

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The secretary's account of petty expences, from Michaelmas, 1710, to Christmas following, amounting to	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
The stationer's account for the same time, amounting to	32	6	0
The post officer's account for the same time, amounting to	22	14	1
	11	7	5
In all	£66	7	6

And a letter to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, to desire the payment thereof, as also of the salaries due to the office, was signed.

*Letter to the Lords
of the Treasury.*

A letter to Mr. Secretary St. John, in answer to his of the 8th and 23rd of December last, relating to the duty laid on British coarse cloths imported into the Elector of Hannover's dominions [*fo.* 219, 235], agreed yesterday, was signed.

Trade.
*Letter to Mr. Secretary
St. John.
Coarse cloths at
Hannover.*

A representation, relating to the production of naval stores in New York, and to the settlement of the Palatines there [*fo.* 216] for that purpose, together with a letter to the Lord Dartmouth, inclosing the same, were signed.

New York.
*Representation.
Naval stores.
Palatines.
Letter to
Lord Dartmouth.*

A letter to Lord Dartmouth, relating to a treaty of commerce with the Republick of Venice [*fo.* 219], agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

Trade.
*Letter to
Lord Dartmouth.
Treaty of commerce
with Venice.*

February 9. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

Their lordships took into consideration the draught of a representation upon the petition of Mr. James Campbell [*fo.* 215, 223], relating to his losses and sufferings in Newfoundland (mentioned in the minutes of the 1st instant), and the same was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

Newfoundland.
*Mr. Campbell's
petition.
Representation.*

February 12. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

Mr. Penn attending in relation to his proposal for surrendering his government of Pennsylvania [*fo.* 216, 226], to her Majesty, and after some discourse with him thereupon, the draught of a representation (mentioned in the minutes of the 2nd instant) was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

Pennsylvania.
Mr. Penn's surrender.

Representation.

A representation upon Mr. James Campbell's petition, relating to his losses and sufferings in Newfoundland [*fo.* 222], agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

Newfoundland.
*Representation.
Mr. Campbell's
petition.*

Their lordships taking into consideration the petition, of Sir Thomas Lawrence, referred to the Board by her Majesty's Order in Council of the 13th of December last [*fo.* 163, 228], ordered that Sir Thomas have notice to attend the Board on Fryday morning next.

Maryland.
*Petition of Sir
Thomas Lawrence.
Sir Thomas
summond.*

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Jamaica.

*Letter from Mr.
Thompson on his
leaving the Council.*

*Letter to Sir
Gilbert Heathcote
about Mr. Rigby.*

Trade.

*Letter from Mr.
Secretary St. John.
Memorial from
Monsieur Bonet.
Trade of Prussia.*

*Letter to Mr.
Carkesse about the
infection in Prussia.*

*Letter to Sir
Charles Hedges about
Prussian ships
trading to France.*

Leeward Islands.
*Reference from the
Lord Dartmouth.
Petition of Capt.
Walton about
Virgin Islands.*

Pennsylvania.
*Representation
about Mr. Pen's
surrender.
Letter to
Lord Dartmouth.*

New York.
*Representation.
Revenue.*

New Jersey.
*Place of the
Assembly's sitting.*

February 13. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie.

A letter from Mr. Richard Thompson [fo. 217, 236], one of the members of the Council of Jamaica, dated the 8th instant, signifying that being come to this kingdom he does not intend to return any more to that island, was read; and Mr. Richard Rigby having been recommended as a person fitly qualify'd to serve her Majesty in that station, ordered that a letter be writ to Sir Gilbert Heathcote, Lord Mayor, to acquaint him therewith, and to desire his lordship to let the Board know whether by himself, or any other persons, he or they may have anything to offer, for or against the said Rigby's being appointed a member of the said Council accordingly.

A letter from Mr. Secretary St. John of the 9th instant, referring to their lordships a memorial from Monsieur Bonet [fo. 297], Resident from the King of Prussia, desiring that the trade between this kingdom and Prussia, may again be open'd, in regard that the infection in that country is now ceased [fo. 229], and that the Prussian ships may have free leave to trade to France; whereupon ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Carkess [fo. 237], inclosing an extract of the said memorial, and that he be desired to acquaint their lordships, whether the Commissioners of her Majesty's Customs do find that the said infection be ceased, and whether they have anything to offer thereupon.

Further ordered that a letter be likewise writ to Sir Charles Hedges, inclosing an extract of the said memorial, praying that Prussian ships may be permitted to trade to France [fo. 311], without molestation, and to desire that he would let their lordships have his opinion whether her Majesty may reasonably grant what is therein requested.

A reference from the Lord Dartmouth, upon the petition of Captain John Walton [fo. 249], relating to the present state of the Virgin Islands in America, praying that he may have a grant of the said islands, or a commission for the government thereof, was read; whereupon ordered that, when he calls at the office, a day be appointed for his attendance on their lordships, touching the subject matter of his said petition.

A representation upon the memorial of Mr. Penn, containing his proposals for the surrender of his government of Pennsylvania to her Majesty [fo. 222], agreed at the last meeting, together with a letter to the Lord Dartmouth, inclosing the said representation, were signed.

February 15. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton.

The draught of a representation, relating to the difficulties Mr. Hunter, Governor of New York, has met with [fo. 198, 227], in procuring a grant for the settlement of a revenue for the support of that government, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

Their lordships, taking into consideration paragraph G of Mr. Hunter's letter without date, read the 10th of January last, touching the Council of New Jersey's being divided about the

place of sitting of the Assembly of that province, together with an Act pass'd there, entituled *An Act for ascertaining the place of sitting of the representatives to meet in General Assembly* [fo. 175, 228]; order'd that the draught of a representation be prepared for laying the same before her Majesty, proposing her Majesty's allowance and approbation of the said Act.

A letter from Major General Handasyd, Governor of Jamaica, dated the 4th of December, 1710, was read; whereupon ordered that paragraph B and C, relating to the arrival of some ships in those parts from France, be sent to Mr. Burchet, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

February 16. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Moore.

A representation relating to the difficulties Mr. Hunter, Governor of New York [fo. 226, 254], has met with in procuring a grant of the settlement of a revenue for the support of the government there, agreed at the last meeting, together with a letter to the Lord Dartmouth, inclosing the same, were signed.

A representation upon an Act past in New Jersey in 1709, entituled, *An Act for ascertaining the place of sitting of the representatives to meet in General Assembly* [fo. 227, 259], proposing her Majesty's royal allowance and confirmation thereof, was signed.

Sir Thomas Lawrence attending in relation to his petition, referr'd to this Board by her Majesty's Order in Council of the 13th of December last [fo. 223, 324], praying a full satisfaction for the losses he has sustained in his office by the taking away the ordinary licences, and, being asked if he had anything to offer to their lordships touching the allegations set forth in his said petition, further than what he has already given in writing, he said that he had not.

Then he presented to their lordships a memorial containing new matter of complaint against the Assembly of that province, and Mr. Bladen, her Majesty's Attorney General there, and Sir Thomas being withdrawn, their lordships agreed to take the same into consideration at a convenient opportunity, and gave directions for writing to Mr. Hyde, to know whether he or any other person has any instructions to appear in behalf of that province.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Wordsworth, to desire to know what accounts he, or any other gentleman of his acquaintance, may have received of the infections being ceased in the King of Prussia's dominions [fo. 224].

February 19. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie.

The draughts of letters from the Secretary of this Board to Mr. Bridger, Surveyor General of her Majesty's woods on the continent of America, to Mr. Saltonstal, Governor of Connecticut, to Mr. Cranston, Governor of Rhode Island [fo. 201], and to Mr. Lillington, President of the Council of Barbadoes [fo. 200], were agreed, and ordered to be sent.

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Act relating thereto.

Representation.

Jamaica.

Letter from the Governor.

Extract sent to Mr. Burchet.

New York.

*Representation.
Difficulties in settling
a revenue.*

*Letter to
Lord Dartmouth.*

New Jersey.

*Representation.
Act about place
of Assembly's sitting.*

Maryland.

*Sir Thomas
Lawrence[s] petition
about ordinary
licences.*

*Memorial against
the Assembly and
Mr. Bladen.*

Letter to Mr. Hyde.

Trade.

*Letter to Mr.
Wordsworth about
infection in Prussia.*

New England.

Letter to Mr. Bridger.

Connecticut

to Mr. Saltonstal.

Rhode Island

to Mr. Cranston.

Barbadoes

to Mr. Lillington.

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Jamaica.
Letter to the
Governor.

Leeward Islands.
Letter from Colonel
Parke.
Answer to complaints.

Sent to Mr. Perry.

Virginia.
Carolina.
Colonel Spotswood's
letter.

Boundaries.
Representation.

Virginia.
Draught of repre-
sentation about
granting lands.

A letter to Major General Handasyd, Governor of Jamaica, was sign'd.

A letter from Colonel Park, Governor of the Leeward Islands, dated the 11th of November, 1710, inclosing a duplicate of his answer to the articles of complaint exhibited against him by Mr. Nevin, desiring that the same might be deliver'd to Mr. Micajah Perry, was read; whereupon the said answer was immediately sent to Mr. Perry accordingly.

Their lordships, taking into consideration paragraph H of Colonel Spotswood's letter of the 24th of October, 1710 [*fo. 171, v. infra*], relating to the settling of the bounds between Virginia and Carolina, gave directions for preparing the draught of a representation thereupon, as also the draught of another representation upon paragraphs C, D and I of the said letter [*fo. 232*], relating to the granting of lands in that province, and for proposing the repeal of an Act of 1666, *declaring what is meant by seating of lands.*

February 21. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie.

The draught of a representation, relating to the settling of the bounds between Virginia and Carolina [*v. supra*], directed at the last meeting, was agreed, and order'd to be transcribed.

The draught of another representation, proposing the repeal of an Act pass'd in Virginia in 1666, declaring what is meant by seating of lands [*fo. 231, 234*], likewise directed at the last meeting, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

An Order of Council, of the 9th instant, referring to the Board a certificate from the Lords Proprietors of Carolina to her Majesty, representing that they have nominated Mr. Charles Craven their Governor of that province [*fo. 234*] and desiring her Majesty's approbation of him &c. was read, and directions given for preparing a representation thereupon.

A letter from Mr. Secretary St. John, of the 19th instant, with the copy of a convention concluded by Mr. Wych, with the city of Hamburgh, relating to the herring trade, conformable to what this Board had proposed in their letter to Mr. Secretary St. John of the 1st of December last [*fo. 175, 235*], and an extract of Mr. Wyche's letter thereupon, as likewise extracts of two letters from Monsieur D'Alais, relating to the promises of the ministers of the Elector of Hannover, that the new duty laid there upon foreign coarse cloths would soon be taken off, which letter together with the said papers were read; whereupon an answer to the said letter from Mr. Secretary St. John was agreed [*v. infra*], and ordered to be transcribed.

February 22. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie.

A letter to Mr. Secretary St. John, in answer to his of the 19th instant, relating to the convention concluded with the city of Hamburgh [*v. supra*] for regulating the herring trade, and acquainting the Board with the promises of the Elector of

Trade.

Letter to Mr. Secretary
St. John.
Hamburgh.
Herring trade.

Virginia.**Carolina.**

Representation.
Boundaries.

Virginia.

Representation.
Seating of lands.

Carolina.

Order of Council.
Certificate of Lords
Proprietors.
New Governor.

Representation.

Trade.

Letter from Mr.
Secretary St. John.
Convention with
Hamburgh.
Herring trade.

Extracts of letters from
Mr. Wych and
Monsieur D'Alais.
Hannover.
Coarse cloths.
Answer to
Mr. St. John.

Hannover's ministers, that the new dutys laid on foreign coarse cloths imported thither, should soon be taken off, as directed at the last meeting, was signed.

A representation, proposing the repeal of an Act past in Virginia in 1666, *declaring what is meant by seating of lands* [fo. 232, 255], agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

Another representation, relating to the settling of the bounds between Virginia and Carolina [fo. 231, 254], likewise agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

A representation, upon her Majesty's Order in Council of the 9th instant, relating to Mr. Charles Craven's being appointed by the Lords Proprietors of Carolina their Governor of that province, [fo. 232, 252], directed at the last meeting, was also signed.

A memorial from the merchants at Whitehaven, complaining of the illegal trade carried on at the Isle of Man, particularly in relation to the tobacco trade; was read [fo. 241]; whereupon ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Carkess for an account of the duties payable upon the imports from the Isle of Man, for three years last past; as also for an account of the drawbacks allowed on tobacco, exported to the Isle of Man for the same time.

Ordered that a letter be writ to the Governor of the Hamburg Company, to acquaint him, for the information of the company, with what has been done in relation to the herring trade at Hamburg [fo. 232], as likewise with what has been done for taking off the duties laid upon foreign coarse cloths imported into the Elector of Hannover's dominions [fo. 221, 326]. Further ordered that a letter be likewise writ to the Provost at Edinburgh, inclosing a copy of the convention concluded with the city of Hamburg [fo. 258], relating to the aforesaid herring trade.

A memorial from Mr. Jones, secretary and provost marshal of Bermuda, praying that he may have a duplicate of their lordships' letter to the Earl of Sunderland of the 3rd of January, 170⁹/₁₀, upon the hearing of the complaints against the said Jones, was read; whereupon ordered that he have a copy thereof accordingly.

Their lordships, taking into consideration the letter from the Lord Archibald Hamilton, of the 1st instant, desiring that Mr. Richard Rigby may be one of her Majesty's Council of Jamaica in the room of Mr. Richard Thompson [fo. 223, 237], who has declared to their lordships, by his letter of the 8th ditto, that he does not intend to return any more to that island, ordered that a draught of a representation be prepared, proposing that the said Mr. Rigby be appointed a member of the Council of Jamaica accordingly.

February 26. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie.

A letter from Sir Gilbert Heathcote, Lord Mayor, of the 21st instant, recommending Mr. Samuel Moore as a person well qualify'd to be of the Council of Jamaica, was read; and it not appearing by the said letter that his lordship has any objection to Mr. Rigby's being a member of that Council [fo. 236], a representation, proposing that the said Rigby be constituted a member of the said Council, as directed at the last meeting, was signed.

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Hannover
coarse cloths.

Virginia.

Representation.
Act about seating
lands.

Virginia.

Carolina.

Representation.
Bounds.

Carolina.

Representation.
Mr. Craven,
Governor.

Trade.

Memorial from
merchants.
Illegal trade at the
Isle of Man.
Letter to Mr.
Carkesse.
Duties and drawbacks.

Trade.

Letter to Governor of
Hamburg Company.
Herring trade.Coarse cloths for
Hannover,
Letter to Provost of
Edinburgh.

Bermuda.

Memorial from Mr.
Jones for copy of
letter to Earl of
Sunderland.

Jamaica.

Letter from
Lord Archibald
Hamilton.Representation.
Rigby to be of the
Council.

Jamaica.

Letter from Sir
Gilbert Heathcote.
Person recommended
to be of the Council.
Representation
proposing Mr. Rigby
a member thereof.

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Trade.*Letter from Mr.
Carkesse.**Trade with Prussia ;
the contagion there ;
letter to Mr. Secretary
St. John.***St. Christopher's.***Letter from Speaker
of the Assembly.**Representation.*

A letter from Mr. Carkess, of the 23rd instant, in answer to one writ him the 13th ditto, relating to the opening the trade between this kingdom and Prussia, in regard the contagion there [fo. 224] is at an end, was read, and the draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary St. John, in answer to his of the 9th instant [fo. 238], relating to that matter, as also to Prussian ships sailing to France &c., was agreed, and order'd to be transcribed.

A letter from Mr. Robert Cuninghame, Speaker of the Assembly of St. Christopher's, relating to a Bill prepared by them for raising a publick revenue, and to some disputes with the Lieutenant Governor and Council about their priviledges, dated in November, 1710, was read, and their lordships gave directions for preparing the draught of a representation for laying that matter before her Majesty.

February 27. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie.

Trade.*Letter to Mr. Secretary
St. John.**Memorial from
Monsieur Bonnet.
Trade to Prussia.*

A letter to Mr. Secretary St. John, upon the memorial from Mr. Bonnet, the Prussian Resident here, desiring that the trade between this kingdom and Prussia may be again open'd [fo. 237], and that Prussian ships be permitted to trade to France unmolested, agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

Maryland.*Letter from
Lord Dartmouth.
Lord Baltimore's
agents to take
minutes of books
and papers.*

A letter from the Lord Dartmouth, of yesterday's date, signifying that it is her Majesty's pleasure, that the Lord Baltimore or his agents [fo. 218, 256], be permitted to take minutes out of such books and papers as are in this office, relating to the plantation of Maryland, was read; whereupon ordered that his lordship or agent have leave to take minutes accordingly.

St. Christopher's.*Disputes about
Revenue Bill.*

Their lordships, then, taking into consideration the several messages from the Assembly of St. Christopher's, to the Lieutenant Governor and Council, with the answers thereto, about a Bill for raising a publick revenue [fo. 237, 240] (mentioned in yesterday's minute), agreed to propose to her Majesty the repeal of an Act, past at St. Christopher's the 5th of June, 1704, entituled, *An Act for the Treasurer's receiving and paying the publick stock of this Island.*

*Repeal of an Act
about the Treasurer.***Maryland.***Lord Baltimore's
memorial.*

Their lordships likewise took into consideration the letter from the Lord Dartmouth of the 5th instant [fo. 218, 241], mentioned in the minutes of the 7th ditto, referring to the Board a memorial from the Lord Baltimore, relating to his right of appointing Governors of Maryland, and read several papers in this office relating thereunto.

February 28. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

St. Christopher's.*Disputes about
Revenue Bills.
Representation.*

The draught of a representation relating to the disputes between the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly of St. Christopher's [fo. 239, 242] upon a Bill for raising a publick revenue for repairing her Majesty's fortifications and the support of the government of that Island, and proposing the repeal of an Act past there, the 5th of June, 1704, entituled, *An Act for the Treasurer's receiving and paying*

*Act about the
Treasurer repeal'd.*

the publick stock of this Island, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

The secretary acquainting their lordships that Mr. Carkess had signify'd to him that the accounts of duties and drawbacks desired by his letter of the 23rd instant [*fo.* 234], relating to the Isle of Man, could not be got ready in less than 4 or 5 months, by reason the same are mixt with those of Ireland, and that he must write to all the out ports before the said accounts can be perfected; ordered that Mr. Lowther, Mr. Milner and Mr. Bailly [*fo.* 247] be desired to attend the Board thereupon on Fryday morning next.

Their lordships, taking into further consideration the petition from the Lord Baltimore to her Majesty [*fo.* 239] touching his right of appointing a Governor for Maryland, mentioned in yesterday's minutes, and their lordships beleiving that several things may have come to Mr. Blathwayt's knowledge, that are not enter'd in the books of the Committee of the Council now in this office; ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Blathwayt, to acquaint him that they desire to speak with him upon that subject, as soon as conveniently he can.

March 1. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A representation, relating to the disputes between the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly of St. Christopher's [*fo.* 240, 259], upon a Bill *for raising a publick revenue &c.*, and proposing the repeal of an Act past there the 5th of June, 1704, *for the Treasurer's receiving and paying the publick stock of that Island*, agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

A letter from Mr. Dudley, Governor of New England, to the secretary, dated the 25th of November, 1710, inclosing a memorial from four of the Council of New Hampshire, complaining of Mr. Usher's proceedings there [*fo.* 245], were read; whereupon their lordships agreed to consider what Mr. Usher writes in his letter of the 22nd November last, relating to the government of New Hampshire.

Their lordships, upon consideration of the powers in their commission, whereby they are desired to examine the general trade of this kingdom, and the several particular trades into foreign parts, how the same are respectively advanced or decayed, and the causes or occasions thereof &c.; ordered [*fo.* 255] that the draught of a letter be prepared to be sent *mutatis mutandis*, to the several companies, or, where there are no companies, to some of the principal merchants trading into foreign parts.

Further ordered, that a representation be prepared, proposing to her Majesty that all the British consuls in foreign parts, and, where there are no consuls, her Majesty's ministers there, may receive her Majesty's directions every six months, to assemble the British merchants, trading in the place of such consul or minister's residence, and consult with them upon the then present state of the British trade to that place, and to propose what they think proper for the improvement or advancement thereof; and that such their deliberations be writ down, and signed by the said

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Isle of Man.
Duties on drawbacks.

Merchants
summon'd.

Maryland.
Lord Baltimore's
petition.

Mr. Blathwayt
consulted.

St. Christopher's.
Representation.
Disputes about
Revenue Bill.

New England.
New Hampshire.
Letter from Colonel
Dudley.
Memorial against
Mr. Usher.

Trade.
Circular letters about
state of trade in
foreign parts.

Trade.
Representation.
Consuls or ministers
in foreign parts
to transmit a state of
trade.

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merchants, and by the said consul or minister transmitted to her Majesty, by one of her principal Secretary's of State, and to her Commissioners for Trade and Plantations.

March 2. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie.

New Hampshire.
Letter from Mr.
Usher.

A letter from Mr. Usher, Lieutenant Governor of New Hampshire, dated the 22nd of November, 1710 [*fo.* 243], relating to the late expedition against Port Royal, to his services, and the affronts he has met with in the Council in that Province, to the Treasurer thereof and his accounts, and recommending a new one, and persons to be members of the said Council, was read, and the papers referr'd to therein were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

Papers therein
referr'd to.

Copy of the Assembly's address to Colonel Dudley, and vote about raising money.

Mr. Usher's account of mismanagements in the Treasury &c. of New Hampshire ; his reasons for suspending Mr. Waldron. Copy of Colonel Dudley's letter to Mr. Story, secretary of New Hampshire, upon her Majesty's Order, appointing Mr. Waldron to be of the Council of New Hampshire, and Mr. Usher's suspension of him.

Account of money issued out of the Treasury, without any account of particulars, for the service of the government, contrary to instructions.

Mr. Armstrong
summon'd.

*And thereupon ordered that Mr. Armstrong (mentioned in the said letter) lately come from New Hampshire, have notice to attend the Board on Wednesday morning next.

Trade.
Letter to companies
and other merchants
about state of trade.

The draught of a letter to be sent *mutatis mutandis* [*fo.* 243], as directed at the last meeting, to the Governors of the Turkey Company, Hamburg Company, Eastland Company, Russia Company, as also to the Flanders merchants, Portugal merchants, Spanish merchants and Italian merchants, relating to those respective trades ; and to the Provost of Edinburgh, relating to the fishery of that part of North Britain, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Trade.
Merchants.
Illegal trade at the
Isle of Man.

Mr. Lowther, Mr. Milner and Mr. Bayley [*fo.* 241, 260], attending, in relation to the memorial from the merchants at Whitehaven complaining of the illegal proceedings at the Isle of Man, particularly in the tobacco trade, read the 22nd of February last, they were acquainted with the message from Mr. Carkess, mentioned in the minutes of the 28th ditto, signifying that the accounts of the duties and drawbacks, desired by the secretary's letter of the 23rd of the same month, could not be got ready so soon as might be expected ; and after some discourse with those gentlemen thereupon, their lordships agreed to discourse with the Earl of Derby, and the Earl of Stamford was desired to acquaint his lordship therewith.

Earl of Derby.

March 5. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

Trade.
Order of the House
of Commons.

An Order from the House of Commons, dated the 27th of the last month, received the 3rd instant, directing their lordships to lay before that House their observations and reports they have

made since the last sessions, relating to the trade to Africa, was read [fo. 211, 253]. Whereupon ordered that copies be made of all the papers received from the African Company and the separate traders, as likewise of their lordships' report thereupon, to be laid before them to-morrow morning.

A letter from the Lord Dartmouth, of the 3rd instant, directing their lordships to lay before her Majesty such accounts as they have received of what the inhabitants of Newfoundland have done for their defence [fo. 147], since the taking of St. John's, was read. Whereupon ordered that the draught of an answer be prepared, to inform his lordship that the Board have received no accounts of anything that has been done at Newfoundland [fo. 252], since their representation to her Majesty transmitted to his lordship the 18th of December last.

The draught of a representation directed the first instant [fo. 244], proposing to her Majesty that all the British consuls in foreign parts, and where there are no consuls, her Majesty's ministers there, may receive her Majesty's directions to assemble the British merchants, trading to the place of such consul or minister's residence, every six months, and to consult with them upon the then state of the British trade to that place &c. was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Mr. John Walton attending, in relation to his petition to her Majesty [fo. 225, 250], praying to be Governor of the Virgin Islands in America, and being asked what number of people there were upon the said islands, he said about 500; and what where the produce of the said islands, he said cotton, sugar, ginger and indico and tobacco. He then presented to their lordships a memorial containing a description of the islands [fo. 249, 254], as also reasons why they ought to be taken care of, which was read, and their lordships agreed to take the same into consideration at a convenient opportunity.

An Order of Council, of the first instant, upon a memorial from Mr. William Keen transmitted to the Lord Dartmouth, in their lordships' letter of the 2nd of the last month [fo. 215, 251], containing an account of several illegal and indirect practices that were committed by Major Lloyd, late Commander of her Majesty's fort at St. Johns in Newfoundland, directing this Board to take care to stop the payment of any monies that shall be found due to Major Lloyd, deceased, for his pay, or for disbursements at Newfoundland during his command there, as likewise to prevent for the future the abuses set forth in the said memorial, whenever her Majesty shall think fit to send a Commander to Newfoundland, was read. Whereupon ordered that Mr. Thurston have notice to attend the Board to-morrow morning.

March 6. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie.

Mr. Thurston attending in relation to her Majesty's Order in Council of the 1st instant [fo. 250], mentioned in yesterday's minutes, touching the stopping of what money may be found due to Major Lloyd, late Commander at Newfoundland, and being asked if he

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African trade.

Newfoundland.
*Letter from
Lord Dartmouth.
Defence of
Newfoundland.
Answer.*

Trade.
*Draught of
representation.
Consuls and ministers
to report the state
of foreign trade.*

Leeward Islands.
*Mr. Walton about
Virgin Islands.*

Memorial.

Newfoundland.
*Order of Council
on Mr. Keen's
memorial.*

*Lloyd's money &c.
to be stopp'd.*

*Mr. Thurston
summon'd.*

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*Mr. Thurston.
Order about Lloyd's
mismanagements and
his money.*

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*Letters to Mr.
Thurston, Mr. How,
the Victualling
Office &c.*

*Letter to
Lord Dartmouth.*

*State of
Newfoundland.*

*Carolina.
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representation.
Mr. Craven,
Governor.*

*Letter to Mr.
Lowndes. Mr.
Craven's security.*

*Trade.
Papers about trade
to Africa
sent to the
House of Commons.*

*New York.
Mr. Polhampton's
proposal.
Regulation of soldiers
&c. in America.
Mr. Sloper sum-
mond.*

*Leeward Islands.
Letter from Mr.
Walton about Virgin
Islands.*

*Virginia.
Carolina.
Order on
representation.
Boundaries.*

*Letter to Colonel
Spotswood.*

*New York.
Order of Council
on representation.
Revenue.*

knew of any money in the hands of any persons in this kingdom belonging to the said Lloyd, he said that he had himself about 2 or 300*l.* of the said Lloyd's in his hands, and that there was also some small sum in Mr. How's hand; and he being withdrawn, ordered that a letter be writ to him to take care to stop the same, pursuant to the said order [*fo.* 256], and that a like letter be writ to Mr. How, and to the Victualling Office, to the same purpose.

A letter to the Lord Dartmouth, in answer to his lordship's of the 3rd instant, acquainting his lordship that this Board has received no account of any matters relating to Newfoundland [*fo.* 249], since what was laid before the Queen the 18th of December last, as directed at the last meeting, was signed.

Order of Council of the first instant, upon a representation of the 22nd of the last month, relating to Mr. Craven's being Governor of Carolina [*fo.* 234], approving the same, and directing their lordships to take care the usual security be given for his observing the Acts of trade &c., was read; and the secretary acquainting their lordships that a gentleman from the Lord Craven had acquainted him, that his lordship was ready to give security as is usual [*fo.* 309], for the said Charles Craven's due observance of the Acts of Trade; ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Lowndes to acquaint him therewith, that the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury may give the necessary directions therein.

The secretary laying before their lordships copies of all the papers in the office relating to the trade to Africa since the last session of Parliament [*fo.* 248, 379], together with a list thereof, Mr. Baillie was desired to present the same to the House of Commons, which he promised to do accordingly.

A proposal from Mr. Polhampton [*fo.* 262], for the better regulating the soldiers and sailors maintain'd and employ'd in her Majesty's service in America, was read. Whereupon ordered that he have notice to attend the Board on Tuesday morning next, and further order'd Mr. Sloper attend to-morrow or Fryday morning next.

A letter from Mr. Walton, who attended yesterday in relation to the Virgin Islands in America [*fo.* 250, 267], being read, ordered that he be acquainted that, if he has anything further to offer touching the said islands, he do the same in writing.

An Order of Council of the 1st instant, upon a representation of the 22nd of February last [*fo.* 234], relating to the boundaries between Virginia and Carolina, approving the same, and directing this Board to signify her Majesty's pleasure to the Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, as is proposed by the said representation &c., was read. Whereupon order'd that the draught of a letter to Mr. Spotswood be prepared accordingly [*fo.* 260].

An Order of Council of the first instant, upon a representation of the 16th of the last month [*fo.* 226, 227] upon some late letters from Mr. Hunter, Governor of New York, relating to the difficulties he has met with in relation to the settlement of a revenue, for the support of the Government there, approving the same, and directing their lordships to prepare heads of a Bill to be pass'd into an Act here [*fo.* 257], for obliging the Assembly of that province to settle

a revenue as has been heretofore, was read. Whereupon ordered that the draught of such a Bill be prepared accordingly.

Circular letter to the governors of the several companies and merchants [fo. 243, 270, 278, 287, 322, 350, 370], relating to their respective trades was agreed, and order'd to be sent.

March 7. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A report from the Earl of Orkney to her Majesty, upon a representation of this Board of the 22nd of the last month [fo. 234], touching the granting, seating and planting of lands in Virginia, having been by his lordship's directions communicated to the Board, the same was read. Whereupon order'd that a copy thereof be kept, and the original returned.

The draughts of letters to Mr. How, Paymaster of her Majesty's guards and garrisons, to the Commissioners of the Victualling Office, and to Mr. Thurston, relating to the stopping of such money as they may have in their hands belonging to Major Lloyd, late Commander of St. John's in Newfoundland [fo. 252, 294], was agreed, and ordered to be sent.

The secretary acquainting their lordships that the Lord Baltimore had inform'd him, that he was ready to be heard before them upon the subject matter of his petition to her Majesty [fo. 239, 261], touching the nomination of a Governor for the province of Maryland, order'd that Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Solicitor General have notice thereof, and that they be desired to appoint a day to hear what his lordship may have to offer; that his lordship may attend with his council accordingly.

March 9. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie.

The draught of a Bill (pursuant to her Majesty's Order in Council of the 1st instant) for raising a revenue for the necessary support of the government of New York [fo. 255, 264], to be pass'd by the Parliament of Great Britain, was agreed, and ordered to be sent to Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor General for their consideration, together with a copy of the said order, and an Act past at New York 24th October, 1692.

Mr. Perry, having communicated to the Board the extract of a letter to Colonel Gledel from Mountserratt, relating to the murder of Colonel Parke at Antego [fo. 258], the same was read, and a copy thereof order'd to be kept.

March 12. Present:—Earl of Stamford; Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A letter from the Lord Dartmouth, of the 9th instant, desiring an account of what advices their lordships have received in relation to the murder of Colonel Parke at Antego, was read, whereupon the secretary acquainted their lordships that he did on Saturday last deliver to the Lord Dartmouth a copy of the extract

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Letters to severall companies.

Virginia.

*Earl of Orkney's report.
Seating of lands.*

Newfoundland.

*Letters to Mr. How, Commissioners for Victualling and Mr. Thurston.
Stop of Major Lloyd's money.*

Maryland.

Lord Baltimore ready for hearing.

Letter to Mr.

*Attorney and Solicitor General
to appoint a day.*

New York.

*Draught of a Bill.
Revenue.*

Sent to Mr.

Attorney and Solicitor General.

Leeward Islands.

*Mr. Perry with extract of a letter.
Murder of Colonel Parke.*

Leeward Islands.

*Letter from Lord Dartmouth.
Colonel Parke's murder.*

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Trade.

*Letter from Lord
Provost of Edinburgh.
Convention
with Hamburg.*

New Jersey.

*Order on repre-
sentation approving
an Act.*

*Letter to Colonel
Hunter.*

Leeward Islands.

*Order on repre-
sentation upon an
Act of
St. Christopher's.*

*Second order about
St. Christopher's
Revenue Bill.*

*Letter to the
Commander in Chief
of the
Leeward Islands.*

Virginia.

*Letter to Colonel
Spotswood.
Carolina bounds.*

Newfoundland.

*Letter to Mr.
Burchet.
Heads of inquiry for
Comodore.*

Trade.

*Isle of Man.
Draughts of Bills.*

*Copies sent to
merchants for their
opinion.*

Maryland.

*Letter from
Lord Dartmouth.
Mr. Blathwayt's
representation about
Lord Baltimore's
naming governors.*

of a letter to Colonel Gledil communicated to them by Mr. Perry at the last meeting [fo. 257, 265], and acquainted his lordship, that the Board had no other information concerning that matter.

A letter from the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, of the 3rd instant, in answer to one writ him the 22nd of the last month [fo. 235], acknowledging the receipt of the copy of a convention relating to the herring trade at Hamburg, was read.

An Order of Council, of the 1st instant, upon a representation of the 16th of the last month, proposing her Majesty's approbation of an Act past in New Jersey in 1709 [fo. 228], for *ascertaining the place of the sitting of the representatives to meet in General Assembly*, approving the same, was read. Whereupon ordered that the draught of a letter to Mr. Hunter be prepared [fo. 262], for transmitting the said order to him.

An Order of Council, of the 1st instant, upon a representation of the same date, proposing the repeal of an Act past at St. Christopher's the 5th of June, 1704 [fo. 242], entituled, *An Act for the Treasurer's receiving and paying the publick stock of this island*, approving the same, was read.

A second Order of Council, of the 1st instant [fo. 242], upon the same representation, relating to the Lieutenant Governor and Council of St. Christopher's disagreeing to a Bill proposed to be past by the Assembly of that island for raising a publick revenue &c., approving the said representation, and directing their lordships to signify her Majesty's pleasure to the Commander in Chief of all the Leeward Islands, as proposed, was read. Whereupon order'd that the draught of a letter to him be prepared [fo. 262], inclosing the foregoing order, as likewise signifying her Majesty's pleasure, as aforesaid.

A letter to Mr. Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, directed the 6th instant [fo. 254], relating to the bounds between that colony and Carolina, was signed.

A letter to Mr. Burchet, inclosing the usual heads of enquiry to be given to the Commodore of the Newfoundland convoy [fo. 404 ; P. fo. 37], was agreed, and ordered to be sent.

The draughts of two Bills, one to be pass'd by the Parliament of Great Britain, the other in the Isle of Man [fo. 247], being communicated to their lordships, from the Commissioners of the Customs, the same were read. Whereupon ordered that copies of the said draughts be sent to Mr. Lowther, and that he be desired to consult with Mr. Milner [fo. 267], Mr. Bayley, and such other persons as he shall think proper, and to let their lordships have their observations thereupon on Fryday next.

March 13. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A letter from the Lord Dartmouth, of the 10th instant, inclosing a representation from Mr. Blathwayt of the 7th ditto [fo. 256, 348], upon the petition of the Lord Baltimore, relating to the nomination of a Governor for the province of Maryland, was read.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Hamilton, Commander in Chief of the Leeward Islands [*fo.* 260, 265], directed at the last meeting, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Hunter, Governor of New Jersey [*fo.* 259, 265], directed at the last meeting, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

Mr. Polhampton, purser of her Majesty's ship the *Kinsale* [*fo.* 253, 271], attending in reference to his proposal, relating to the better regulating of the land and naval force in the plantations (mentioned in the minutes of the 6th instant), and being asked whether he knew of his own knowledge that the four companies of New Yorke were not kept up, he said he was inform'd of it by one Mr. Smith at New York, who was clerk to Mr. Cockeril, agent for the said four companies in the time of the late Lord Lovelace. Then being asked who are the two persons that are mentioned in the said proposal to be now in London, that were discharged some years ago, and are yet continued on the muster roll, he said the one is called John Smith, and came from New York in August last, and, as the said Smith inform'd him, was discharged ten years ago, and was, when he left New York, continued still upon the muster roll. The other's name is John Humphrys, who was discharged about two years ago, but was in August last, as he says himself, still upon the muster roll. The said Humphrys has now taken orders, and is returning to New York to keep a school there. And being asked whether what he alledges in relation to the ships of war be of his own knowledge, he said that a great part of it was, but was not willing to name particular persons; that 40 or 50 men run away from the *Kinsale* at New York, and were continued, notwithstanding that, several months upon the muster roll of the ship. Then being asked whether what he proposes for remedying the abuses in the navy, mentioned in his proposal, be not establish'd in the plantations, he said, that it was not.

Mr. Polhampton was then desir'd to bring the said John Smith and John Humphrys to the Board, which he promised to endeavour to do accordingly.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Sloper, to desire him to let the Board have a view of some of the muster rolls of the said companies before August last.

March 15. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie.

The draught of a Bill for raising a revenue for defraying the necessary expences of the government of New York [*fo.* 257], to be past by the Parliament of Great Britain, sent to Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor General the 9th instant, being returned by them with their approbation thereof, the same was read, and a representation for laying the said draught, together with the heads thereof, before her Majesty, was signed.

A packet arriving at the office from Mr. Lillington, President of the Council of Barbadoes, and upon opening the same, their lordships finding therein an account of the murder of Colonel Park [*fo.* 258, 272], a letter to the Lord Dartmouth, inclosing a copy thereof, was signed.

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Leeward Islands.
Letter to Colonel
Hamilton,
Comander in Chief.

New Jersey.
Letter to Mr. Hunter.

New York.
Mr. Polhampton.
Regulation of land
and naval force.

Letter to Mr. Sloper.
Muster rolls of four
companies.

New York.
Draught of a Bill
for a revenue.

Representation.

Barbadoes.
Packet from Mr.
Lillington.
Leeward Islands.
Murder of Colonel
Parke.
Letter to Lord
Dartmouth.

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March 16. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A letter to Mr. Walter Hamilton, Lieutenant General of the Leeward Islands [*fo.* 262], agreed the 13th instant, was signed.

A letter to Mr. Hunter, Governor of New Jersey [*fo.* 262], agreed the 13th instant, was also signed.

A letter from Mr. Lillington, President of the Council of Barbadoes, dated the 27th of January last, was read, and the papers refer'd to therein, were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

Copy of orders given relating to the flag of truce to go to Martinico, about exchange of prisoners, together with a copy of a letter from the Governor thereof to Mr. Lillington. An account of the murder of Colonel Parke, late Governor of the Leeward Islands.

Minutes of the Assembly of Barbadoes, from the 3rd of October, 1710, to the 26th of December following.

Minutes of the Council of Barbadoes, from the 6th of September, 1710, to the 28th of November following.

Whereupon ordered that the draught of a letter to the Lord Dartmouth be prepared [*fo.* 270], acquainting his lordship that Mr. Lillington has not yet received her Majesty's pleasure relating to the Assembly's right of nominating a Treasurer in that island.

A letter from the Duke of Queensberry, of the 13th instant, inclosing a proposal made to Mr. Pulteney, her Majesty's Envoy to the King of Denmark [*fo.* 305, 351], about a trade to be carried on between the Venetian and British merchants in the Sound, was read. Whereupon ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Philp, Deputy Governor of the Eastland Company [*fo.* 320], inclosing a copy of the said proposal, and to desire the said company's observations thereupon as soon as possible.

A supplemental memorial from Mr. Walton, relating to the Virgin Islands, mentioned in the minutes of the 6th instant [*fo.* 254, 278], was read. Whereupon ordered that a letter be writ to him, to explain the last paragraph of his said memorial, wherein he desires a commission for the improvement of the said islands, upon such terms and regulations as shall be thought fit.

Mr. Lowther, Mr. Lawson, knight of the shire for Cumberland, with Mr. Perry, Mr. Milner and Mr. Bailey attending [*fo.* 261], in relation to the Bills to be past into laws touching the trade to the Isle of Man, sent to Mr. Lowther the 12th instant, they said, that they had consider'd the said Bills, and were of opinion that they would by no means remedy the abuses complained of; on the contrary those Bills were intirely in favour of my Lord Derby and the Isle of Man, but contain'd nothing in them to prevent the illegal trade complain'd of; that they knew nothing that could effectually cure that evil, but the making of the Isle of Man as part of Great Britain, in reference to trade, taking off the drawbacks upon tobaccos and other debenture goods exported thither,

Leeward Islands.
Letter to the
Lieutenant General.
New Jersey.
Letter to Mr. Hunter.
Barbadoes.
Letter from Mr.
Lillington.

Papers therein
referr'd to.

Letter to
Lord Dartmouth.

Assembly's right of
nominating a
treasurer.

Trade.
Letter from
Duke of Queensberry.

Trade with Venetians
in the Sound.
Letter to Mr. Philip
for the
Eastland Company's
observations.

Leeward Islands.
Mr. Walton's supple-
mental memorial
about

Virgin Islands.
Letter to Mr. Walton
thereupon.

Trade.
Isle of Man.
Gentlemen about two
Bills relating to the
trade there.

or limiting the quantity of tobacco to be exported thither. These gentlemen being withdrawn, a letter was writ to the Earl of Derby [fo. 269], to desire to speak with such persons as his lordship should appoint, upon the subject matter of the said Bills.

March 19. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A letter from the Earl of Derby, of the 17th instant [fo. 268], was read ; whereupon order'd that the secretary do write to his lordship, to acquaint him that they have received this day an order from the House of Lords, which will take up their time for some days, in preparing what is thereby required ; however that they shall be ready to discourse with such persons in relation to the memorial from the merchants of Whitehaven &c. [fo. 280], as he shall be pleased to appoint, on Fryday morning next.

An order from the House of Lords, of the 17th instant [fo. 170, 277], for an account of what has been done, pursuant to the late Act of Parliament for encouraging the bringing of naval stores into this kingdom, was read ; whereupon order'd that the draught of a report be prepared for laying such an account before their lordships accordingly.

A memorial from Sir Benjamin Ayloff, Governor of the Muscovia Company dated the 15th instant [fo. 255], in answer to a letter writ him the 6th ditto, relating to that trade &c. was read.

A letter to the Lord Dartmouth [fo. 266], directed at the last meeting, acquainting his lordship that Mr. Lillington, President of the Council of Barbadoes has informed this Board, that he had not yet received her Majesty's pleasure in relation to the right of nominating a treasurer for that island, pursuant to an Order of Council of the 26th of September, 1710 (read the 26th of October following) and desiring his lordship to direct that a duplicate of the said order and her Majesty's pleasure thereupon be dispatch'd thither by the first opportunity, was signed.

Mr. Polhampton attending [fo. 262, 302], with John Smith, mentioned in the minutes of the 13th instant, and James Kenard, who had been a serjeant in Captain Weems's company at New York ; and the said Smith and Kenard being examined touching their knowledge of any abuses in the musters of the soldiers there, the above-mentioned Smith said, that he went over to New York about 12 years ago ; that he obtain'd his discharge two years afterwards, and was nevertheless (as he had been inform'd) continued upon the muster roll ; but upon examination of the said muster rolls in 1709 and 1710, his name was not found therein. He then said, that one Scurlock to his knowledge did obtain a furloe to go a privateering.

The fore-mentioned Kenard said, that he came from New York about three years ago, and that he knew that boys of nine or ten years old were muster'd as private centinels. After which, they being withdrawn, ordered that so much of the said Polhampton's memorial as may concern the Admiralty be sent to Mr. Burchet [fo. 303] for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty ;

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Letter to Earl of Derby.

Trade.
Letter from Earl of Derby
(Isle of Man).
Answer.

Trade.
Plantations General.
Order of House of Lords.
Naval stores.

Trade.
Memorial from Sir Benjamin Ayloff,
Muscovia Company.

Barbadoes.
Letter to Lord Dartmouth.
Want of an order about nominating a treasurer.

New York.
Plantations General.
Mr. Polhampton, &c.

Mismanagements about the forces at New York.

Letters to Mr. Burchet, Mr. Granville, and Colonel Hunter.

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and that what relates to the soldiers be sent to Mr. Granville, Secretary at War; and that his whole memorial be sent to Colonel Hunter for his examination into the several matters contained therein.

Post meridiem.

Present :—As before.

Leeward Islands.
Letter from
Lord Dartmouth
about disorders there.
The Board with a
committee of Council.
Merchants
summon'd.

A letter from the Lord Dartmouth, of this day's date, signifying the desire of the lords of the committee to speak with the Board at six a clock this evening at the Duke of Queensberry's office, about the disorders that have lately happen'd in the Leeward Islands [fo. 265]; and their lordships, having been with the said committee accordingly, return'd to their office, and gave directions that Mr. Tryon, Mr. Duport, Mr. Jory, Mr. Cary and Mr. Carpenter [fo. 273, 276], have notice to attend the Board to-morrow morning.

March 20. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

Bermuda.
Order of Council.
Sloop St. James.

An Order of Council, of the 15th instant, directing this Board to transmit to them what papers they have in this office [fo. 277], relating to the sloop *St. James* of Barbadoes, condemn'd at Bermuda, was read; whereupon order'd that the said papers be transmitted accordingly.

Jamaica.
Letter from
Lord Archibald
Hamilton recommending
Mr. Broderick to
be Attorney General.

A letter from the Lord Archibald Hamilton, dated at Portsmouth the 16th instant [fo. 296], recommending Mr. Broderick to be Attorney General of Jamaica in the room of Mr. Percival, deceased, was read.

Leeward Islands.
Colonel Jory about
murder of Colonel
Parke and

Col. Jory attending, as he had been desired yesterday [fo. 272], and being asked whether he had received any account of the murder of Colonel Parke, he said that he had not, and that he had only seen the extract of a letter to Colonel Gledhill from Montserrat.

present state of the
Leeward Islands.

Then being asked several other questions in relation to the disorders that have lately happen'd at Antego, he said that he believed now the Governor was dead, the island was at present in quiet; that if Lieutenant General Hamilton, who for his integrity and honesty is generally beloved there, were appointed Governor in Chief, he did not doubt but it would be to the satisfaction of all the inhabitants, and would be a means to settle them in quiet for the future; that he was not in any apprehension the French would be encouraged from what had happen'd to make any attempt upon that island; that in case they should, the inhabitants would all to a man take up arms in their own defence; besides, the regular troops that Colonel Hamilton might draw in a little time from the other islands, would be a good security; that if the ships of war that are appointed for the guard of the Leeward Islands, were directed during their stay there to cruize between Antego and Guardaloupe, which is not above 10 hours' sail distant, it would be a security against the enemies' privateers, and be a means to have constant intelligence; but not a defence in case the French come against them with a superior force in ships of war; that the number

of men able to bear arms in Antego about 20 years ago when he was there, was between 12 and 16,000. Then being asked whether in case by contrary winds or otherwise, the outward bound ships should be detain'd here a week or ten days, it would be of any great prejudice to the islands, he said that all delays of that nature would be of some prejudice to the merchants, but he did not beleive that so short a delay as 10 days could be of any consequence to the islands.

Mr. Tryon, Mr. Duport and Mr. Carpenter [fo. 272], also attending as directed yesterday, and being asked the same questions as Colonel Jory was, their answers were to the same purpose; they only added, that they beleived there were at present about three thousand men able to bear arms at Antego, and that besides the fortifications at the harbour of St. Johns at Antego, Monks Hill had been fortify'd for the security of the women and children, in case of an attack from the enemy.

These gentlemen being withdrawn, ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Burchet, to desire to know the number and rates of the ships of war intended to convoy the trade [fo. 277], now going to Barbadoes, the Leeward Islands and Jamaica, the number of mariners on board each ship, the name of the Commodore of these ships, where the trade which they are to convoy is at present, and when they are to proceed.

March 21. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A representation transmitting to the Council the papers in this office relating to the sloop *St. James* of Barbadoes [fo. 273], pursuant to her Majesty's Order in Council of the 15th instant, mentioned in yesterday's minutes, was signed.

Report in answer to the order of the House of Lords of the 17th instant [fo. 269], read the 19th ditto, relating to naval stores, was signed.

A letter from Mr. Burchet, of this day's date [fo. 276], in answer to one writ him yesterday, inclosing the names of her Majesty's ships which are bound to Jamaica, Barbadoes and the Leeward Islands, together with their rates, the name of the captain who comands in chief, and what number of marines they have on board &c. was read; whereupon a letter to the Lord Dartmouth acquainting him therewith, was signed.

The draught of a letter to the Lord Dartmouth, relating to the disorders that have lately happen'd at Antego, having been prepared, pursuant to the directions of the Lords of the Committee of Council the 19th instant, was laid before the Board. Whereupon ordered that Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor General have notice to attend their lordships at 5 this evening.

A memorial from the Turkey Company, in answer to a letter writ the Governor thereof the 6th instant [fo. 255], relating to the state of that trade, was read.

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*Mr. Tryon, Duport,
and Carpenter.*

Barbadoes.
Leeward Islands.
Jamaica.
*Letter to Mr. Burchet
about strength of the
convoy thither, &c.*

Bermuda.
*Representation
papers. Sloop St.
James of Barbadoes.*

Plantations General.
Trade.
*Report to the
House of Lords.
Naval stores.*

Jamaica.
Barbadoes.
Leeward Islands.
*Letter from Mr.
Burchet.
Convoys.
Letter to
Lord Dartmouth.*

Leeward Islands.
*Letter to the
Lord Dartmouth
about disorders there.
Mr. Attorney and
Solicitor General
summon'd.*

Trade.
*Memorial from
Turkey Company.*

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Leeward Islands.
Third memorial from
Mr. Walton.
Virgin Islands.
Representation.

A third memorial from Mr. Walton, in answer to a letter writ him the 17th instant [*fo.* 267, 288], relating to the Virgin Islands, was read. Whereupon ordered that the draught of a representation upon the said Walton's petition be prepared.

Post meridiem.

Present :—As above.

Mr. Attorney and
Solicitor General.
Disorders in the
Leeward Islands.
Letter to
Lord Dartmouth.

Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Solicitor General attended [*fo.* 278], as they had been desired, and after some discourse with them touching the disorders that have lately happen'd at Antego, they being withdrawn, their lordships made a further progress in the draught of the above-mentioned letter to the Lord Dartmouth [*v. infra*].

March 22. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

Leeward Islands.
Letter to
Lord Dartmouth.
Rebellious commo-
tion at Antigua.

A letter to the Lord Dartmouth, relating to the late rebellious commotions that have happen'd at Antego [*v. supra*, 291], mentioned in yesterday's minutes, was agreed and sign'd.

March 23. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie.

Trade.
Isle of Man.
Estimate of loss by
run tobacco.

An estimate made by John Williams, her Majesty's Custom House Officer at the Isle of Man, of the yearly loss to her Majesty's revenue by the running of tobacco from thence back into this kingdom, amounting to 16,505*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*, having been communicated to the Board by Mr. Lowther, was read.

Bishop of Man.
Earl of Derby's agents.

The Bishop of Man with two other persons attending [*fo.* 269, 288], in behalf of the Earl of Derby and Isle of Man, their lordships discoursed with them upon the draught of a Bill relating to the trade of that island, proposed to be pass'd by the Parliament of Great Britain, and acquainted them with what objections they had to the said draught, particularly.

Objections to a Bill
relating to the trade of
that island and
answers, &c.

That bestials, or goods of the breed, growth or produce of that island, are allow'd to be brought from thence into this kingdom custom free, whereas tobacco and other certificate or debenture goods, exported from hence thither, are to drawback the several duties as they are now allow'd to do.

In answer to this, they said that as to their having goods &c. come in duty free, that would be of no great detriment to this kingdom, for that the duties upon their imports here, one year with another, did not exceed 400*l.* per annum.

As to the drawback upon tobacco, if that were not allow'd it would be very hard upon the inhabitants of Man, they being very poor, and most of them using tobacco; wherefore they hoped that the said drawback would be continu'd at least upon tobacco and other goods for their own consumption.

Then being asked what quantity that island might consume in a year, they said, there being about 22,000 inhabitants, men, women and children in that island, their consumption might be between 60 or 70 hoggsheds a year.

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They owned there has been an illegal trade carry'd on at that island, not by the people of Man, but by the merchants of Great Britain, who when the time for receiving the drawback on tobacco upon exportation is near expiring they then export it to the Isle of Man, where it lyes till they have an opportunity of a foreign market; and they beleived that the greatest part of it has frequently been run again into this kingdom. Another way is, that the merchants enter such tobacco so lodged at the Isle of Man for Berghen, but land it privately in this kingdom, or Ireland, and therefore they agreed, with regard to the inhabitants of the said island, that if the drawback was allow'd upon 70 hoggsheads a year for their own consumption, it was but reasonable, to prevent the abuses complain'd of, that no further drawback should be allow'd: but that in that case the Earl of Derby would be a loser, for the duties arising to his lordship upon the imports of tobacco and other goods from this kingdom, and upon the re-exports of the same, amount to about 900*l.* a year, 800*l.* of which was upon tobacco; and wherefore (*sic*) they thought it reasonable that an equivalent should be allow'd his lordship.

The Board observing upon this, that a great part of the above-mentioned sum of 900*l.* might arise by illegal trade, and desiring to know how much these gentlemen thought the Earl of Derby might lose by fair trade, in case the drawbacks were taken off as aforesaid, they said, they beleived it might be about 300*l.* a year. Their lordships thereupon taking notice, that the Earl of Derby, by the foresaid Bill, is allow'd to import every year from the Isle of Man five tun of wine, one tun of brandy and five tun of beer, free of custom and excise; these gentlemen agreed that an exemption of those duties would be a reasonable equivalent to his lordship; provided that if the duties on wines and brandy shall at any time be lessen'd, that then a further equivalent be granted to his lordship in proportion to such abatement, or 300*l.* a year in full satisfaction of all duties upon the fore-mention'd wine, brandy and beer.

They further took notice that when this business was depending before the Parliament the last year, the merchants of Great Britain intimated to them, that in case the drawbacks on tobacco should be taken off, they would notwithstanding send them tobacco, which should not cost them above one half-penny per pound more than it did. The way of doing it would be this; tobacco being allow'd by the King of Denmark to be imported into his dominions custom free, and re-exported again, the same (if it be done in 12 or 16 months) the merchants would send tobacco to Berghen, for which they would receive the drawback here, and from Berghen import it to the Isle of Man. The whole charges thereof would not amount to above one half-penny a pound.

In relation to the importation of cattle from the Isle of Man, their lordships took notice that the number to be imported is not limited by the draught of the Bill, whereas the former Act (20th of Charles the 2nd, chapter 7th) the cattle to be imported from thence, is not to exceed 600 head yearly. To which these gentlemen reply'd, that about 20 years ago, when they had the herring fishery (which is now lost, the herrings having forsaken their coast), the people

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then lived principally on that fish, and did not take much care of their cattle; but now that they are forced to live on their cattle, they have very much increased their breed, and therefore they thought they might reasonably be allow'd to import 1,000 or 800 head a year, considering that their annual consumption, in the goods and commodities of Great Britain, is as follows:—

Coals	..	..	..	..	..	600 tun.
Iron	..	..	..	..	..	10 „
Hops	..	..	..	..	..	4 „
Salt	..	..	..	..	..	200 „
Hard ware or wrought iron to the value of about two hundred pound.						
Allum	..	..	..	..	..	10 ct.
Small timber for pales	..	..	..	..	..	500 dozen.
Hoop staves	..	..	..	..	..	30,000
Bark	..	..	..	..	..	400 barrels.
Paper	..	..	..	..	..	50 rheams.
Earthenware	..	..	..	..	..	40 load.
Glass	..	..	..	..	..	1,000 feet.

They further agreed that their trade to this kingdom should be restrain'd to Chester, Liverpool, Wier-water and the dependencies thereon, as by the 15th Charles 2nd, chapter 7th.

Their lordships then taking notice, that the last clause of the Bill declares that ships &c. of the built of the Isle of Man shall have the same benefit and privilege as ships &c. of the built (*sic*) of Great Britain; whereas it ought to be restrain'd to the importation mentioned in, and intended to be allow'd by, the Bill; they said they desired it no otherwise, and added that they had no ships, but what they buy in this kingdom, or Ireland; and only build at the Isle of Man boats of about two tun, the timber for the doing thereof they fetch from hence.

These gentlemen being withdrawn, ordered that Mr. Lowther, Mr. Milner and Mr. Baillie have notice to attend the Board on Monday morning next.

A letter from the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, of the 15th instant, in answer to one writ him the 6th ditto [fo. 255, 321], signifying that he has sent copies thereof to the several burroughs, and appointed a day for the merchants consulting together, upon the present state of their fishery, and promising to transmit an account of their consultation to their lordships, was read.

Their lordships took into consideration the draught of a representation, upon the petition of Mr. Walton [fo. 278, 289], praying her Majesty's commission to be Governor of the Virgin Islands in America, mentioned in the minutes of the 21st instant, and made a progress therein.

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March 26. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A memorial from the Bishop of Man, desiring that a Bill to prevent the illegal trade carry'd on at the Isle of Man may be passed this session [fo. 280, 289], otherwise that trade will be continued to the prejudice of the fair merchant, was read.

Mr. Lowther, Milner
and
Baillie summoned.

Trade.

Letter from Lord
Provost of Edinburgh.

Fishery and other
trade.

Leeward Islands.
Representation on
petition of Walton.

Virgin Islands.

Trade.

Memorial from the
Bishop of Man.

Their lordships taking into consideration the draught of a representation upon the petition of Mr. Walton, relating to the Virgin Islands [fo. 288], a further progress was made therein, and directions given that Colonel Jory [fo. 298], and Mr. Duport, and other Leeward Island[s] merchants, have notice to attend the Board on Thursday morning, the 5th of April next.

Mr. Lowther, Mr. Milner and Mr. Perry attending, their lordships communicated to them the substance of what had pass'd at the Board the 23rd instant, when the Bishop of Man attended their lordships [fo. 288], and after some discourse thereupon, these gentlemen agreed, that there would be no great inconveniency, if a draw back were allow'd upon tobacco exported to the Isle of Man for the consumption of the inhabitants, and that the quantity might be seventy hogsheads a year, as mention'd by the bishop at the last meeting, provided each hogshead do not contain above 550li. weight. These gentlemen being withdrawn, ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Lowndes [fo. 292], for the information of the Lords of the Treasury, stating the nature and consequence of this illegal trade, and proposing what their lordships thought fit to offer for remedy thereof.

March 29. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A letter from the Lord Dartmouth, of the 24th instant, directing their lordships to prepare the draught of a commission and instructions for Major Walter Douglass to be Governor of her Majesty's Leeward Charribbee Islands, was read; and the draught of such a commission being laid before the Board, the same was agreed, and a letter, inclosing the same to the Lord Dartmouth [fo. 306], was signed.

Another letter from the Lord Dartmouth, of the 26th ditto, directing their lordships to prepare the draught of an additional instruction for Major Douglas [fo. 279, 293], relating to the rebellious commotions that have lately happen'd at Antego, and to the murder of Colonel Park, pursuant to the heads of such an instruction inclosed in the said letter, was read. Whereupon ordered that a copy of his lordship's letter, and of the heads inclosed therein, be sent to Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor General, to know whether the offenders may legally be brought over in custody, and are tryable by law here.

An Order of Council of the 24th instant, referring to their lordships the petition of Mr. Buncombe [fo. 341, 312], complaining of the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly of Montserrat, for refusing him satisfaction for damages sustained by him in 1708, by a French privateer, amounting to 1,330*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.*, according to an Act entituled, *An Act for the better securing and defending his Majesty's Leeward Charribbee Islands in America, in case of a war, and to establish a fund for the same*, praying releif therein, was read. Whereupon order'd that the said Act, and what other papers there are in this office relating to that matter, be laid before their lordships.

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Leeward Islands.
*Representation on
petition of Walton.
Virgin Islands.*

Trade.
*Isle of Man mer-
chants.*

*Letter to Mr.
Lowndes about illegal
trade there.*

Leeward Islands.
*Letter from
Lord Dartmouth.
Commission and
instructions for Major
Douglas to be
Governor.
Letter to Lord
Dartmouth with
draught of commission.*

*Letter from the
Lord Dartmouth.
Instruction for
Major Douglas about
rebellion at Antego.*

*Letter to Mr.
Attorney and Solicitor
General.*

*Order of Council.
Petition
of Mr. Buncomb.
Complaint against
Mountserrat.*

*Act past in that
island.*

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Trade.

*Letter to Mr.
Lowndes. Illegal
trade at the Isle of
Man.*

A letter to Mr. Lowndes, directed the 26th instant [fo. 290], upon a memorial from the merchants of Whitehaven, complaining that an illegal trade, particularly with regard to tobacco, is still carry'd on at the Isle of Man, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

April 3. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A letter from Mr. Froude, by direction of the Postmaster General, with some papers received by the last mail from Portugal, relating to the proceedings of the Council and Assembly of New Jersey, were read.

New Jersey.

*Letter from Mr.
Froude of the Post
Office.
Papers from New
Jersey.*

Barbadoes.

*Order of Council.
Petition of Berwick
to be reinstated a
counsellor.*

Leeward Islands.

*Instruction for
Mr. Douglas.
Rebellion at Antegoa.*

*Letter to Mr.
Attorney and Solicitor
General thereupon.*

An Order of Council of the 24th of March, 174⁹, upon the petition of Samuel Barwick, esquire, praying to be restor'd to the Council of Barbadoes [fo. 301], was read, and directions given for laying a state of the said Barwick's case before their lordships.

The draught of an instruction for Major Douglas, pursuant to her Majesty's directions, signify'd to their lordships by the Lord Dartmouth's letter of the 26th of the last month, relating to the late rebellion at Antego [fo. 291, 296], was read; and thereupon ordered that copies thereof be sent to Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor General for their opinion thereupon, and also desiring them to consider whether the powers therein mentioned, relating to the seizing and sending over the criminals hither, ought not to be granted under the Great Seal of this kingdom.

Newfoundland.

*Order of Council.
Petition of Mr. Lloyd.
To be heard in behalf
of late Major Lloyd.*

*Mr. Keen about his
complaints against
Major Lloyd.*

The copy of an Order of Council, of the 24th of the last month, upon the petition of Mr. David Lloyd, brother of Major Lloyd, late commander of the fort and garrison at St. John's, praying to be heard to the complaints exhibited to this Board by William Keen against the said Major Lloyd [fo. 256], and directing that the papers and proofs, necessary in that affair, be ready to be produced in Council on the first Thursday after Easter week, was read, and the fore-mentioned Keen attending was acquainted with the answer that had been made to his complaints; whereupon he said, that he had been for some years a trader in Newfoundland, and an officer for prizes under his late royal highness the Prince of Denmark, that he was able and ready to make good every article of his fore-mentioned complaint; that the greatest part of it was of his own knowledge; that his brother, who has lately been received into orders here was, when he was in Newfoundland, privy to several of the facts set forth in his said complaints; that what relates to the engineers drawing bills upon the ordnance, as set forth in his memorial, may be proved by the accounts at the Board of Ordnance; and that if Mr. Hucksford, late master gunner, and Mr. I'Anson, late gunner there, were sworn, the truth of what he alledged would fully appear; and therefore he desired that he might be permitted to inspect the engineer's accounts at the Ordnance Office, from the year 1705 to the year 1708, and that the foresaid Hucksford, and I'Anson might be summons'd to attend the Council, when that matter should be heard. Whereupon Mr. Keen being withdrawn, ordered that a draught of a letter to the Lord Dartmouth be prepared [fo. 296], to acquaint his lordship that

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Lord Dartmouth.*

the said Keen is ready to make good the several articles of his complaints, and that for that purpose he desires the inspection of the engineer's accounts as aforesaid, and summons for the fore-mentioned Hucksford and P'Anson to attend the Council on Thursday, the 12th instant.

April 4. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter to the Lord Archibald Hamilton, in answer to his lordship's of the 16th of the last month, recommending Mr. Broderick to be Attorney General of Jamaica [fo. 273], acquainting his lordship that her Majesty has appointed the said Broderick, Attorney General of that island, was signed.

Letter from Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor General, of the 3rd instant, returning the draught of an instruction [fo. 293, 299, 308], transmitted to them the same day, relating to the late rebellion at Antego, approving the said draught, was read; whereupon a letter to the Lord Dartmouth, inclosing a copy thereof, was signed.

The draught of a letter to the Lord Dartmouth [fo. 294], directed at the last meeting, acquainting his lordship that Mr. Keen is ready to make good the several articles of his complaints against Major Lloyd, late commander of the garrison at Newfoundland, and for that purpose desires the inspection of the engineer's accounts, and that Mr. Hucksford and William P'Anson, late gunner there, now in London, may be summon'd to attend the Council on the 12th instant, was agreed and signed.

April 5. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A letter from Mr. Bonet, the Prussian resident, of the 4th instant, desiring to attend this Board in relation to his memorial [fo. 224, 300], refer'd to their lordships the 9th of February last, touching Prussian ships trading to France, was read; whereupon ordered that the draught of an answer to the said letter be prepared to acquaint him, that their lordships shall be ready to discourse with him upon that subject on Tuesday morning next.

Colonel Jory and Mr. Duport attending [fo. 289, 299], as they had been desired the 26th of the last month, and being asked several questions in relation to the conveniency or inconveniency of settling the Virgin Islands, they said that there is only one called Spanish Town, which has a good harbour, and as they have heard (not having been upon it themselves) the soil is good; the rest of these islands being little better than rocks: that, if there were a settlement there, unless it was secured by a fortification and soldiers, the people would continually be plunder'd and insulted by the French and Spaniards, from Hispaniola and Porto Rico; but, if it was secured by a fort and soldiers, in that case it would nevertheless be a shelter for pirates and buccaneers, and runaways from the Leeward Islands; that St. Thomas being one of the Virgin Islands, it would be difficult, notwithstanding a settlement as aforesaid, to prevent illegal trade, as long as the Danes were in possession of the said

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Jamaica.

*Letter to Lord
Archibald Hamilton.
Broderick,
Attorney General.*

Leeward Islands.

*Letter from Mr.
Attorney and Solicitor
General.*

*Instruction about
rebellion at Antegoa.*

*Letter to
Lord Dartmouth.*

Newfoundland.

*Letter to
Lord Dartmouth.
Keen against Lloyd.*

*Gunners to be sum-
mon'd for evidence.*

Trade.

*Letter from Mr. Bonet.
Prussian trade.*

Answer.

Leeward Islands.

*Colonel Jory and
Mr. Duport.*

Virgin Islands.

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Mr. Walton
acquainted with their
objections.

Leeward Islands.
Mr. Douglas's
instructions.

Letter to
Lord Dartmouth.

island: they added that they did not know that the Virgin Islands were of any use to the Leeward Islands.

These gentlemen being withdrawn, ordered that Mr. Walton have notice of the objections made by them to the settlement of the said islands [fo. 298, 310], that he may have an opportunity to be heard thereupon, if he has anything further to offer.

Their lordships then took into consideration the draught of instructions for Major Walter Douglass [fo. 296, 300], for the government of the Leeward Islands, and went through the same, and order'd that they be transcribed, as likewise that the draught of a letter to the Lord Dartmouth be prepared, for transmitting the said instructions to his lordship.

April 7. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

Leeward Islands.
Letter from
Lord Dartmouth.
Memorial from Mr.
Douglas about stay of
convoy.
Answer.

A letter from the Lord Dartmouth, of the 5th instant, inclosing a memorial from Mr. Walter Douglas, praying that part of the convoy intended to the West Indies, may be stayed till the dispatch of her Majesty's commission and instructions will enable him to proceed to his government of the Leeward Islands [fo. 299, 301], was read; and an answer to his lordship's letter, acquainting him that the instructions for Mr. Douglas were transcribing, and should be sent his lordship to-morrow morning, was signed.

Trade.
Letter to Monsieur
Bonet.

A letter to Mr. Bonet, resident of the King of Prussia [fo. 297, 306], in answer to his of the 4th instant (mentioned in yesterday's minutes), acquainting him that their lordships shall be ready to discourse with him on Tuesday morning next, upon his memorial relating to Prussian ships trading to France, was signed.

Barbadoes.
Berwick to be of the
Council.
Representation.

Their lordships taking into consideration the several papers in this office relating to Mr. Berwick's being a member of the Council of Barbadoes [fo. 293, 302], ordered that the draught of a representation be prepared, proposing him to be of the Council in the room of Middleton Chamberlain, deceased.

Leeward Islands.
Letter to
Lord Dartmouth.
Mr. Douglas's
instructions.

A letter to the Lord Dartmouth, inclosing the draughts of instructions for Major Douglas [fo. 300, 307], for the government of the Leeward Islands, was signed.

Virginia.
Order of Council.
Repealing an Act.

April 9. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie.

An Order of Council, of the 24th of the last month [fo. 310], upon a representation of the 22nd of February last, proposing the repeal of an Act past in Virginia in October, 1666, entituled *An Act declaring what is meant by seating of land*, approving the same, was read; as likewise the copy of an order directing the Lord Dartmouth to signify her Majesty's pleasure to the Governor of Virginia about passing another Act, relating to the taking up and seating of lands.

Leeward Islands.
Letter to Mr. Douglas.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Douglas, relating to his government of the Leeward Islands [fo. 306], was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

Barbadoes.
Representation.
Mr. Berwick to be of
the Council.

The draught of a representation upon the petition of Mr. Berwick to her Majesty, praying to be of the Council of Barbadoes [fo. 301,

304], proposing that her Majesty be pleased to constitute him a member thereof, in the room of Middleton Chamberlain, esquire, deceased, directed at the last meeting, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Hunter, Governor of New York, inclosing a copy of Mr. Polhampton's memorial [fo. 271, 304], relating to the abuses that have been committed in the musters of the four companys of soldiers at New York, and to the mismanagement of the captains of her Majesty's ships of war in the plantations, in relation to their men on board the said ships, was also agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

A letter from Mr. Burchet, of the 6th instant, in answer to one writ him the 24th of the last month, inclosing a copy of that part of Mr. Polhampton's fore-mentioned memorial, as related to the said mismanagements in the navy [fo. 272], signifying that the Lords of the Admiralty will give the strictest orders to the captains of the Queen's ships, that at their peril they do nothing which may be prejudicial to her Majesty's service &c., was read. Whereupon ordered that a copy of Mr. Burchet's said letter be sent to Colonel Hunter, with the fore-mentioned letter to him.

April 10. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie.

A letter to Mr. Henry Baker, for an account of the seizures of wooll and other goods, particularly lustrings and alamodes, on the coast of Kent and Sussex [fo. 334], with the proceedings thereon from the 17th of April, 1710 (the date of his last account) to this present time, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

A representation proposing Mr. Samuel Berwick to be a member of her Majesty's Council in Barbadoes [fo. 302, 340], in the room of Mr. Middleton Chamberlain, deceased, agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

A letter to Mr. Hunter, Governor of New York, relating to the abuses committed in the musters of the four companies at New York [fo. 302], as also to the mismanagements of the captains of her Majesty's men of war attending the plantations &c., agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

The Secretary acquainting their lordships that he had not received an answer to his letter of the 16th of the last month to Mr. Phelp, Deputy Governor of the Eastland Company, on the copy of a proposal about trade made to Mr. Pulteney, her Majesty's Envoy at Denmark [fo. 267], transmitted with the said letter; ordered that another letter be writ to the said Deputy Governor, to desire the companie's observations on the said proposal as soon as possible; as also that he will let their lordships know, whether he has anything to offer for the improvement of the trade to Livonia, particularly whether that trade do at present lye under any discouragement or hardships, what those hardships are, and what are the priviledges the British merchants do at present enjoy, or have at any time enjoy'd, in Livonia.

Mr. Bonet, resident from the King of Prussia [fo. 300], attending, in relation to his memorial concerning Prussian ships trading to

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New York.
*Letter to Colonel
Hunter.
Mr. Polhampton's
information.*

New York.
Plantations General.
*Letter from Mr.
Burchet.
Polhampton's
memorial.
Mismanagements in
the Navy.
Copy sent Mr. Hunter.*

Trade.
*Letter to Mr. Baker.
Seizures of wool, &c.,
on the coast.*

Barbadoes.
*Representation.
Berwick to be of the
Council.*

New York.
Plantations General.
Letter to Mr. Hunter.

Trade
*with Venetians in the
Sound.*

*Letter to Mr. Phelp
of the
Eastland Company.*

Trade to Livonia.

Trade.
*Mr. Bonet.
Prussian trade.*

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Queries.

France (mentioned in the minutes of the 6th instant), he presented to their lordships a paper containing queries, to which he desired their lordships would please to let him have their answer in writing [fo. 308]; whereupon he was acquainted that they would do the same with all convenient speed; and he being withdrawn, directions were given for preparing an answer to the said queries.

Leeward Islands.
Letter to Mr. Douglas.

A letter to Mr. Douglas, Governor of the Leeward Islands [fo. 302], relating to his government, agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

April 12. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

Leeward Islands.
Order of Council.
Mr. Douglas's
commission and
instructions.

Copy of an Order of Council, of the 1st instant [fo. 291], approving the draught of a commission to Major Douglas to be Governor of the Leeward Islands, directing the Lord Dartmouth to prepare the same for her Majesty's signature, in order to pass the Great Seal, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council, of the 10th instant, approving the draughts of instructions to Major Douglas for the government of the Leeward Islands [fo. 301], and directing the Lord Dartmouth to prepare the same for her Majesty's signature, was read.

Orders.
Councillors.

Copy of an Order of Council, of the 10th instant, relating to the filling up vacancies in the Councils of Nevis, Antegoa, Mountserrat and St. Christopher's, approving the same, was read.

Instructions about
disorders at Antegoa.

Copy of an Order of Council, of the 10th of April, 1711, upon the draught of an additional instruction to Major Douglas, relating to the late disorders at Antegoa [fo. 291], directing the said instructions to be changed into a commission to pass the Great Seal, was read.

Commission.

Leeward Islands.
Further instructions
about sending over
offenders.

Copy of an Order of Council, of the 10th instant, directing the Lord Dartmouth to prepare further instructions for her Majesty's signature, to Major Douglas [fo. 296, 331], relating to the trying and sending over any offenders for rebellion and treason, or evidences relating thereto, was read.

Trade.

Prussia. Answer to
Mr. Bonet's queries.

Their lordships took into consideration their answer to the queries from Mr. Bonet [fo. 306, 311], resident from the King of Prussia, relating to the sea papers for Prussian ships trading to France, mentioned in the minutes of the 10th instant, and made a progress therein.

Letter from the
Lord Dartmouth.
East India.
Representation about
hostilities of the
Dutch.
Pepper trade.

A letter from the Lord Dartmouth, of the 2nd instant, referring to their lordships a representation from the East India Company to her Majesty [fo. 311], relating to the attempts made by the Dutch in a hostile manner on the company's factory, and to their designs to engross the pepper trade on the coast of Mallabar, were read.

Leeward Islands.
Letter from merchants.
Mr. Lightfoot
recommended.
Letter to
Lord Dartmouth.

A letter from several merchants trading to the Leeward Islands [fo. 309], recommending Mr. Richard Lightfoot to be a member of her Majesty's Council in Antegoa, was read, and directions were given for preparing the draught of a letter to the Lord Dartmouth thereupon.

April 13. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter to the Lord Dartmouth, proposing Mr. Richard Lightfoot to be a member of the Council of Antegoa [fo. 308], directed at the last meeting, was signed.

A certificate from her Majesty's Remembrance Office, dated the 11th instant, setting forth that the Lord Craven hath entred into a bond to her Majesty [fo. 253], in the sume of two thousand pounds, as security for Mr. Craven's due observance of the Acts of trade and navigation in Carolina [fo. 341], was read; and a representation laying the same before her Majesty, as likewise the draught of instructions to the Lord Proprietors of Carolina, relating to the said Acts of trade, was signed.

A letter to Mr. Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, inclosing her Majesty's Order in Council [fo. 301], repealing an Act pass'd in Virginia in October, 1666, declaring what is meant by seating of lands, mentioned in the minutes of the 9th instant, was signed.

A memorial from Mr. Walton, in answer to some objections that had been made in relation to the settlement of the Virgin Islands [fo. 299, *v. infra*], was read.

April 16. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie.

A representation upon the petition of Mr. Walton, relating to the Virgin Islands [*v. supra*, fo. 312], mentioned in the minutes of the 26th of the last month, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

Their lordships took into consideration their answer to the queries from Monsieur Bonnet, resident from the King of Prussia, touching the sea papers for Prussian ships trading to France mentioned in the minutes of the 12th instant [fo. 308, 318, 225], and a letter to Sir Charles Hedges, inclosing their lordships' answer to the said queries, as also the said papers desiring his opinion thereupon, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

Then their lordships taking into consideration the memorial from the East India Company containing complaints of the proceedings of the Dutch East India Company on the coast of Mallabar [fo. 308], and observing that the extracts in the letters referr'd to in the said memorial are not attested; ordered that a letter be writ to the Court of Directors of the said Company [fo. 317], that their secretary, or who else they think fit, do attend their lordships on Thursday morning next, with such vouchers as shall be judged necessary to make good what is alledged in the said memorial.

April 17. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Baillie.

A representation upon Mr. Walton's petition relating to the Virgin Islands, agreed at the last meeting [fo. 310], together with a letter to the Lord Dartmouth, inclosing the same, were signed.

Mr. John Buncomb, of Mountserratt [fo. 291, 341], with his solicitor attending, the Order of Council of the 24th of March last (mentioned

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Leeward Islands.
Letter to
Lord Dartmouth.
Lightfoot to be of the
Council.

Carolina.
Certificate from
Remembrance Office.
Mr. Craven's security.

Representation.

Instructions to Lords
Proprietors.

Virginia.
Letter to Mr.
Spotswood.
Order repealing an
Act.

Leeward Islands.
Memorial from
Mr. Walton.
Virgin Islands.

Leeward Islands.
Representation.
Petition of Walton.
Virgin Islands.

Trade.
Prussia. Answer
to Monsieur Bonet's
queries.

Letter to Sir
Charles Hedges for his
opinion.

East India Com-
pany's complaints.

Letter to the Court of
Directors for vouchers
to their memorial.

Leeward Islands.
Walton. Representa-
tion and letter.
Virgin Islands.
Mountserratt.
Mr. Buncomb.
Order of Council.

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*His father's petition.**Papers relating thereto.*

in the minutes of the 29th ditto), referring to the Board his father's petition, complaining that satisfaction had not been made him for the loss of several negroes &c., pursuant to an Act past at a General Assembly of all the Leeward Islands in 1701, was read; and he being asked what proofs he had to the several allegations in his said petition, he produced to their lordships a copy of his father's petition to Colonel Parke, then Governor of those islands, setting forth, that a French privateer had landed at Montserrat the 11th December, 1708, and plundered the petitioner of several parcells of plate, wearing apparel, household stuff, arms and 29 negroes, and praying the Governor to appoint appraisers of his loss, in order to his having satisfaction, pursuant to the fore-mentioned Act. He likewise produced an attested copy of the said Governor's warrant to three persons to make the said appraisement, with their return thereunto; and lastly he produced an attested copy of his father's petition to the said Governor, General Council and General Assembly at St. Christopher's, praying for relief, with an order from the said Governor, referring the same to the General Assembly aforesaid; and being asked what had been done thereupon, he said, that before any resolution was taken, that General Assembly was adjourn'd; that upon his application to the Lieutenant Governor and Council of Montserrat, they had refused to make his said father any reparation; that several other persons in the other islands, who have had the like misfortune to be plunder'd by the enemy, have had their damages made good to them by the Treasurer of those respective islands, pursuant to the fore-mentioned Act; to the truth whereof he was ready to make affidavit, which he was desired to do accordingly, and to bring it to the office this afternoon. He being withdrawn, directions were given for preparing the draught of a representation upon his father's fore-mentioned petition.

*Affidavit to be made.**Draught of representation.**New England. Proprieties.**Petition of Mr. Winthrop, &c. Narraganset country.**Abstract of papers.**Montserrat. Mr. Buncomb's affidavit.*

Their lordships, taking into consideration the petition of Wait Winthrop and others, proprietors of part of the Narraganset country [fo. 112, 316], praying a confirmation of their grants, referr'd to their lordships by an Order of Council of the 11th May, 1710, as likewise the abstract of several papers refer'd to in the foresaid petition, which abstract was read, and (*sic*) ordered that the secretary do prepare a state of the case.

Memorandum. The affidavit of John Buncumb above-mentioned, was lodged with the secretary, as directed.

April 18. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

The draught of a representation upon the petition of Mr. Buncomb, relating to the Governor and Council of Montserrat's refusing to make him satisfaction for the loss of several negroes &c., directed at the last meeting, was agreed and order'd to be transcribed.

Their lordships, taking again into consideration the petition of the proprietors of part of the Narraganset country [fo. 314], mentioned in yesterday's minutes, together with the abstract of the papers referr'd to in the said petition, ordered that copies

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of the said abstract, the cases of the colonies of Connecticut and Rhode Island lying in this office (Proprietors, Bundle E. No. 6 and 9), a deduction of the several claims to the government and property of the Narraganset country, and proceedings thereon; as also the representation of the 10th August, 1697 (entered N. E. A. fo. 222), be sent to Mr. Attorney General [fo. 399], for his examination and report thereupon.

April 19. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A representation upon the petition of Mr. Buncombe, relating to the Governor and Council of Montserrat their refusing to make good the losses sustain'd pursuant to an Act past in that behalf, agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

Mr. Woolley [fo. 311, 322], secretary to the East India Company, attending with several original letters lately receiv'd from the Company's factors at Bombay, their lordships compared the extracts of those papers which are referr'd to in the Companie's memorial, mentioned in the minutes of the 16th instant, with the said originals, and found them to be true extracts; and Mr. Woolley being thereupon desired to sign them as such, he took the said extracts with him to do it accordingly, and he added that, in case the Company should lose the pepper trade on the coast of Mallabar, it would raise their freight very considerably, for whereas at present they pay about 37*l.* per tun freight, by reason of the conveniency of stowage of pepper, they should then pay at least 50*l.*

Sir Charles Hedges being at the Board, in relation to the letter wrote him the 16th instant [fo. 311, 319], upon the queries from Mr. Bonet, resident from the King of Prussia, concerning Prussian ships trading to France, as likewise upon the forms of passes and other sea papers, he acquainted their lordships that he had considered the said queries and answer, as also the several papers referr'd to in the said letter, and approved of them as sufficient to prevent a collusive and illegal trade; and added that he was of opinion that all naval stores ought to be esteemed as contraband goods.

After he was withdrawn the draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary St. John thereupon, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

Then their lordships gave directions that a letter be writ to Mr. Bonet [fo. 320], to acquaint him that they return'd their answer to the fore-mentioned queries to Mr. Secretary St. John.

April 20. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie.

A letter to Mr. Secretary St. John, directed at the last meeting, transmitting answers to the five queries received the 10th instant from Mr. Bonet [fo. 318], resident from the King of Prussia, concerning Prussian ships being allow'd to trade to France, together with the forms of passes and other sea papers, was signed.

A letter to Mr. Bonet, also directed at the last meeting [fo. 319], acquainting him that the said answers to the five queries &c. were transmitted [to] Mr. Secretary St. John, was signed.

Montserrat.
Mr. Buncombe's
petition.
Representation.

Trade.
Mr. Woolley.
East India Com-
pany.
Papers about com-
plaints against the
Dutch.

Consequence of loss
of the pepper trade.

Trade.
Sir Charles Hedges.
Prussia.
Monsieur Bonet's
queries.

Letter to Mr.
Secretary St. John.

Letter to
Monsieur Bonnet.

Trade.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary St. John.
Answer to
Monsieur Bonet's
queries.
Prussian trade to
France.
Forms of passes, &c.

Trade.
Letter to Mr. Bonet
thereupon.

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*Memorial from
Mr. Phelp.
Eastland Company.
Trade with Venetians
in the Baltick.*

Livonia.

*Letter to the
Duke of Queensberry.*

A memorial from Mr. Phelp, Deputy Governor of the Eastland Company, containing the said company's opinion upon the proposal for a trade with the Venetians in the Baltick [fo. 267], transmitted to him the 16th of the last month, as also their apprehensions of a meeting with an interruption in their trade with Livonia, upon occasion of the war between the Muscovites and the Swedes, was read, and directions given for preparing the draught of an answer to the Duke of Queensberry's letter of the 13th of the same month [fo. 321], relating to the fore-mentioned proposal.

April 24. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Lord Bishop of London, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie.

Trade.
*Letter to the
Duke of Queensberry.*

*Trade with Venetians
in the Baltick.*

*Letter from the
Lord Provost of
Edinburgh.*

*Memorial from
the Royal Burroughs.
Fishery.*

A letter to the Duke of Queensberry, in answer to one from his Grace of the 13th of the last month, referring to the Board a proposal made to Mr. Pulteney [fo. 320], her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary at Copenhagen, by Seignior Suderini, relating to a trade with the Venetians in the Baltick, was signed.

A letter from the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, of the 14th instant, to the secretary, inclosing one to their lordships with a memorial from the Committee of the Convention of the Royal Burroughs in Scotland [fo. 237, 323], relating to the present state of the fishery there, and to other matters of trade, was read, and directions were given for preparing an answer thereunto.

Trade.
*Memorial about trade
of the Hamburg
Company.*

A memorial relating to the trade of the Hamburg Company, in answer to a letter writ to the Deputy Governor of the said company of the 6th of March last [fo. 255], was read.

April 25. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

Trade.
*Letter to Lord
Dartmouth. East
India Company's
complaints against
the Dutch.*

Their lordships took into consideration the draught of a letter to the Lord Dartmouth, upon the memorial from the East India Company [fo. 317, 323], containing complaints of the proceedings of the Dutch East India Company on the coast of Malabar (mentioned in the minutes of the 16th instant), and made a progress therein.

April 26. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

Trade.
*Representation.
East India Company's
complaints against
the Dutch.
Letter to
Lord Dartmouth.*

The draught of a representation upon the memorial from the East India Company, relating to the proceedings of the Dutch East India Company [fo. 322] on the coast of Mallabar (mentioned in yesterday's minutes) together with a letter inclosing the same to the Lord Dartmouth, were signed.

*Letter to Lord
Provost of Edinburgh.
Fishery.*

A letter to the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, in answer to his lordship's of the 14th instant [fo. 321, 335], relating to the fishery of Great Britain, directed the 24th ditto, was agreed, and ordered to be sent.

April 30. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie.

Maryland.
Order of Council.

Their lordships took into consideration the Order of Council of the 13th of December, 1710 (read the 20th ditto), referring to the

Board the addresses [*fo.* 149, 325] from the Council and Assembly of Maryland to her Majesty, relating to Sir Thomas Lawrence, to two Acts about gauge of tobacco hogsheads, and to the Governor's keeping the seal; and the address relating to the gauge of tobacco hogsheads, was read. Whereupon ordered that Mr. Perry and Mr. Hyde have notice to attend the Board on Thursday morning next [*fo.* 327], and that they come prepared to offer what they have to say upon that matter.

Their lordships then read the above-mentioned address relating to the Governors keeping the seals [*fo.* 324, *v. infra*], and ordered that an Act past in Maryland in 1704, touching appeals, be laid before the Board.

May 1. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie.

Their lordships took into consideration, an Act past in Maryland the 3rd of October, 1704, entituled *An Act for appeals and regulating writs of error* [*v. supra*, *fo.* 330] (mentioned in yesterday's minutes and containd in the book of Maryland laws, No. 16, *fo.* 255), and gave directions for preparing the draught of a representation proposing a repeal of the said Act.

May 3. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie.

A letter from Mr. Secretary St. John, of the 1st instant, inclosing extracts of two letters from Mr. D'Alais, her Majesty's minister to the Elector of Hannover, dated the 28th of April and 1st of May, n.s., relating to an order publish'd there for taking off the new duty laid on coarse cloths imported into the dominions of his royal highness [*fo.* 235], together with a copy of the said order, which were read.

A letter from the Duke of Queensberry, of the 1st instant, referring to their lordships the form of the commission, and a copy of the new regulations [*fo.* 371], given in Denmark to privateers (transmitted to his Grace by Mr. Pulteney, her Majesty's Envoy at the court of Denmark), which were read, and directions given for comparing the said regulations with those of the 5th of April, 1710, n.s., and whereon their lordships made a report the 23rd of May following o.s.

Mr. Perry, Mr. Hyde, and other Maryland merchants attending [*fo.* 324], as desired the 30th of the last month, their lordships communicated to them the address of the General Assembly of Maryland to her Majesty, relating to two repealed Acts of that province [*fo.* 330], the one touching the gauge of tobacco hogsheads, and the other against cropping and defacing the same. Whereupon those merchants said, though 'tis true that sweet scented Virginia tobacco will bear pressing better than the Maryland tobacco, and so by consequence a hogshead of Virginia will weigh considerably more than a hogshead of Maryland, yet if the Virginia tobacco be too much pressed it will be indamaged as much as that of Maryland, by becoming black and immerchantable; that in James River and in several other places in Virginia, the same sort of tobacco is

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*Three addresses about
Sir Thomas Lawrence.
Tobacco hogsheads.
Publick seal.*

*Mr. Perry and Mr.
Hyde summond.*

*Address about
keeping the seals.
Act about appeals.*

Maryland.
Act about appeals, &c.

*Representation
thereupon.*

Trade.
*Letter from Mr.
Secretary St. John.
Order publishd at
Hannover.
Duty on coarse cloths
there.*

*Letter from the
Duke of Queensberry.
New regulations in
Denmark
for privateers.*

**Maryland.
Virginia.**
*Merchants about two
repealed Acts
touching the gauge
of tobacco hogsheads,
&c.*

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produced as in Maryland, and therefore there is the same reason to allow a difference in size of the hogsheads of those places, as to Maryland, which (were it done) would be a very considerable loss to the owners of shipping in the stowage, for the ships used in that trade are built proportionably to the size of tobacco hogsheads, that is, to contain seven hogsheads in depth in the hold; whereas, if 2 inches in diameter in the head more were allow'd to the Maryland hogsheads, then their ships could hold no more than six hogsheads and a half in depth, supposing a hogshead could be divided, whereby the owners must be obliged, either to crop the hogsheads, or to build new ships, or to give over that trade.

That, if the people of Maryland would take the same care in packing their tobacco as those of Virginia do, that is in packing it in small hands, a hogshead would contain very near a quarter more than it does; that several people in Maryland do it, and their hogsheads are as heavy as any of the light sort of tobacco that comes from Virginia, several of them containing from 7 to 800 weight; and they added, that they had no objection to the passing of a law in Maryland for preventing the cropping of tobacco hogsheads, provided the hogsheads be of the same dimensions as those of Virginia, and that the penalty be the same upon those who should make their hogsheads of a larger size, as upon the master that shall crop them. These gentlemen being withdrawn, their lordships gave directions for preparing the draught of a representation upon the said address.

*Representation
to be prepar'd.*

May 7. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie.

Maryland.
Draught of a representation on address relating to the gauge of tobacco hogsheads, &c.

The draught of a representation upon the address of the Assembly of Maryland, relating to two repealed Acts past in that province [fo. 327, 331], the one touching the gauge of tobacco hogsheads, the other against cropping and defacing the same, directed at the last meeting, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Representation on address against the Governor's keeping the seal.

The draught of another representation upon an address from the Council and Assembly of Maryland to her Majesty, against the Governor's having the custody of the seal of that province &c. [fo. 325, 331], directed the 1st instant, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

May 8. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

Maryland.
Representation on address relating to the gauge of tobacco hogsheads, &c.

A representation upon the address of the Assembly of Maryland, relating to two repealed Acts past in that province [fo. 330, 383], the one relating to the gauge of tobacco hogsheads, the other against cropping and defacing the same, agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

Representation on address against the Governor's keeping the seal.

A representation upon the address from the Council and Assembly of Maryland to her Majesty against the Governor's having the custody of the seal of that province [fo. 330, 382], agreed at the last meeting, was also signed.

Antego.
Letter from Mr. Yeamans about the death of Colonel Parke.

A letter from Mr. Yeamans, Lieutenant Governor of Antego [fo. 308, 332], without date, giving an account of the occasion of

inhabitants of that island's taking up arms against Colonel Parke, who was killed the 7th day of December, 1710, was read; and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

The speech of Mr. Yeamans, Lieutenant Governor of Antego, to those who rose up in arms against Colonel Park.

List of the persons that were killed and wounded the day that Colonel Park was killed, December 7th, 1711 (*sic*).

Mr. Yeamans' speech to the Lieutenant General and Council of Antego, before he signed the address from himself and the said Council to her Majesty relating to the death of Colonel Park.

A letter from Mr. Hamilton, Lieutenant General of the Leeward Islands, dated the 23rd of February, 1711, relating to the present state of defence of the said islands, and to the occasion of the death of Colonel Park, was read [*fo.* 331], and the minutes of Council in Assembly of Antego, from the 23rd of September, 1710, to the 26th January following, referr'd to in the said letter, were laid before their lordships.

May 10. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie.

A letter from Major General Handasyd, Governor of Jamaica, dated the 20th of March, 1711, was read.

A letter from Mr. Lillington, President of the Council of Barbadoes, dated the 16th of February, 1711, was read, and directions given for preparing an answer thereunto, and the following minutes of Council and Assembly, referred to therein, were laid before the Board, vizt. :

Minutes of the Council of Barbadoes, from the 6th of September to the 28th November, 1710.

Minutes of the Assembly of Barbadoes, from the 3rd of October, 1710, to the 6th of February, 1711.

A letter from the Lord Dartmouth, of the 7th instant, referring to their lordships a memorial from Mr. Milner, Consul at Lisbon [*fo.* 341], complaining of some merchants refusing to conform themselves to rules for the benefit of the factory there &c., which letter and papers were read. Whereupon ordered that a copy of the said Consul's patent be desired from the Lord Dartmouth's office, and that the merchants trading to Portugal have notice to attend the Board on Tuesday morning next.

A memorial from Captain Baker, giving an account of the seizures of wool and silks &c. on the coast of Kent and Sussex since the 17th of April, 1710 [*fo.* 304], was read. Whereupon ordered that the same be compared with the last account presented to their lordships by the said Captain Baker.

A letter from Mr. Dummer, of the 7th instant, giving an account of the sailing of the *Sophia* packet boat to and from the West Indies.

A letter from the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, of the 1st instant, in answer to one from the secretary of the 26th of the last month,

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*Papers therein
referr'd to.*

Leeward Islands.
*Letter from the
Lieutenant General
about state of the
islands and death of
Colonel Parke.*

Jamaica.
*Letter from the
Governor.*

Barbadoes.
*Letter from the
President.*

*Papers of publick
proceedings.*

Trade.
*Letter from
Lord Dartmouth
with papers from Mr.
Milner, Consul at
Lisbon, against the
merchants there.*

*Portugal merchants
summon'd.*

*Memorial from
Captain Baker.
Seizures of wooll, &c.,
on the coast.*

Plantations General.
*Letter from Mr.
Dummer. Sailing
of packet boat.*

Trade.
*Letter from the
Provost of Edinburgh.*

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Fishery.

[fo. 323], relating to the trade and fishery of North Britain, promising a further account thereof, was read.

May 11. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

Antego.
Mr. Cobb about the
rebellion and murder
of Colonel Parke.

Mr. Cobb, solicitor for Colonel Park, late Governor of the Leeward Islands, in relation to the complaints that had been exhibited against him, attending, he acquainted their lordships, that having received a letter from a gentleman at Antego [fo. 332, 340], dated in February last, concerning the rebellion that had lately happen'd in that island, he thought it his duty to communicate some paragraphs thereof to their lordships, and hoped that they would excuse his not naming the person who wrote it, by reason he had desired in his said letter the same should be concealed at present, fearing his own life, if it should come to the knowledge of any of those that had been concerned in the said rebellion and the murder of Colonel Park. The substance of the said paragraphs were (*sic*) as follows, vizt. : That after several messages had passed between Colonel Park and the Assembly of Antego, in relation to the nomination of a clerk, and his going off the island, they came to the Council chamber, and pressed to speak with him, alledging they had business of moment to communicate to him, and to present an address, which he refusing to receive, warm words past between them, and it was believ'd they then had an intention to have seized his person, and sent him home in irons, and that one persons offered to go and seize him himself ; but some of her Majesty's guards being there, prevented that design. That on the 7th of December, 1710, the inhabitants of that island, having divided themselves into two parties, headed by Mr. Piggot and Mr. Painter, marched towards the Governor's house to attack him there ; who, having two days before received information of their design against him, had called some of her Majesty's guards to his assistance, and had planted 4 small peices of cannon about his house for his better security. That the said parties marched by two different ways ; that led by Mr. Piggot to a hill that commanded the Governor's house, and the party headed by Painter another way ; that so soon as Colonel Park perceived the party on the hill, he ordered one of the said guns to be fired, which did no execution ; after which, Mr. Piggot with his men ran down from the hill directly to the Governor's house, drove him into his chamber, where in an engagement with the said Piggot, who was killed, Colonel Park received a shot in the thigh and fell, and 'twas believ'd might have recovered of that wound, had not Mr. Droloveau, a French man (who was one of the principal ringleaders of that rebellion, and advised the dispatching the members of Council also) broke his back bone with the butt end of a musket. After which, they dragged the body of Colonel Park down stairs in a very indecent manner, and that it was with some difficulty they suffered his corps to be buried in the church there. That several of the guards during the action were killed, begging quarter upon their knees, and that three of her Majesty's said guards were killed in cold blood by the forementioned Droloveau.

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That it had been said there, if a hair of the head of any one person concerned in that affair shou'd be touch'd, they would put the sword into another hand, intimating thereby that they would deliver up the island to the French.

Mr. Cobb then acquainted their lordships that Mr. Ayon, provost marshal of the Leeward Islands, who was in the chamber with Colonel Parke, when he was killed, and received himself 3 shots through the body in defending him, was come from Antego, and was expected in town to-morrow night, and would be best able to give their lordships a true and particular account of the aforementioned rebellion. That in the mean time he intended to wait on the Lord Dartmouth, and lay before his lordship what he had now communicated to the Board. Whereupon he was desired to let their lordships have copies of the said paragraphs, and to let Mr. Ayon know, when he came to town, that they would speak with him; which Mr. Cobb promised to do accordingly.

May 15. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie.

Copy of her Majesty's additional instructions to Mr. Douglas, Governor of the Leeward Islands, dated the 13th of April, 1711 [fo. 335, 343], relating to the trying of such persons as have been concern'd in the late rebellion and murder of Colonel Parke at Antego, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council, of the 10th of April, 1711, upon a representation of the same date, proposing Mr. Samuel Berwick to be a member of her Majesty's Council of Barbadoes [fo. 304], in the room of Mr. Middleton Chamberlain, deceased, approving the same, and directing the Lord Dartmouth to prepare a warrant for her Majesty's signature accordingly, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council, of the 19th of April, 1711, upon a representation of the 13th ditto [fo. 310], with the draught of instructions to the Lords Proprietors of Carolina, relating to the Acts of trade, to be by them given to Mr. Craven, Governor of that Province, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council, of the 19th of April, 1711, upon a representation of the same date, relating to the petition of Mr. Buncomb [fo. 312], complaining of the losses his father had sustained at Mountserratt, approving the same, and directing the Lord Dartmouth to recommend the petitioner's case to Mr. Douglas, Governor of the Leeward Islands, as is proposed by the said representation, was read.

Mr. Milner, brother to the Consul at Lisbon, and Mr. Brooks, Portugal merchants, attending, they were acquainted that her Majesty had been pleased to refer to this Board two letters and a memorial from the said Consul [fo. 334, 351], whereupon they said that they had copies thereof; and as to that which relates to some Irish merchants there refusing to pay their contributions, as the same was absolutely necessary for the incidental charges of the factory there, they proposed that her Majesty be pleased to write to the King of Portugal, desiring him to direct the Judge Conservador of the British nation to levy the said contribution upon all, and

Antego.
Additional instructions to Major Douglas about trying of rebels.

Barbadoes.
Order of Council. New counsellor.

Carolina.
Order of Council on representation with instructions to the Proprietors about trade.

Mountserratt.
Order of Council on representation about Mr. Buncomb's losses.

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Portugal merchants about complaints from the Consul at Lisbon.

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that no appeal be allow'd to the Relacaon or superior court. As to the other paper, which relates to Monsieur De la Roche's refusing to take upon him the care of the effects of Mr. Richard Villiers, deceased, pursuant to the 8th article of the treaty with Portugal (it having been proposed to them) they agreed that it would be some help for the future if the consul had instructions from her Majesty not to admit any persons to accept of a trust of this nature, which would be profitable, unless they entred into security to accept of any such like trust hereafter, though of no advantage, if elected thereto by the factory.

They added that neither of these above-mentioned cases had been disputed before, that they beleived, if their lordships thought fit to discourse with Sir John Lambert, who is the patron and principal correspondent of the said De la Roche, he might be brought to reason; however, they promised to consult the rest of the Portugal merchants [*fo.* 353], and let their lordships have their thoughts upon both the forementioned cases in writing. These gentlemen being withdrawn, ordered that Sir John Lambert [*fo.* 351], be desired to attend their lordships on Thursday, the 24th instant.

*Sir John Lambert
summon'd.*

May 16. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

*Antego.
Mr. Ayon with
several papers about
rebellion there.*

Mr. Michael Ayon, provost marshal general of the Leeward Islands [*fo.* 340, 345], lately come from Antegoa, attending with Mr. Cobb, he presented to their lordships a letter from Mr. Thomas Morris, one of the members of her Majesty's Council in that island, dated the 27th February last, relating to the late rebellion there, and murder of Colonel Parke, which was read. He then communicated to their lordships several depositions taken in the said island, concerning the said rebellion and murder, which were also read, and Mr. Ayon being desired to acquaint their lordships with what he knew himself of these matters, he gave their lordships a verbal account thereof, in substance the same as is contained in the forementioned letter and depositions, and promised to lay before their lordships in writing a full and particular account of the whole matter. Mr. Ayon being withdrawn, directions were given for preparing the draught of a letter to the Lord Dartmouth, transmitting a copy of the forementioned letter to his lordship, to be laid before her Majesty.

May 17. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A letter to the Lord Dartmouth, inclosing a copy of the letter from a member of the Council of Antegoa [*fo.* 343, 377], relating to the rebellion and murder of Colonel Parke in that island, directed yesterday, was signed.

A letter from Mr. Secretary St. John, of the 16th instant, referring to their lordships a petition to her Majesty from several merchants trading to Spain, relating to the two Spanish ships intended for Buenos Ayres in America [*fo.* 349], which were taken by the Dutch,

*Antego.
Letter to Lord
Dartmouth about
murder of
Colonel Parke.*

*Trade.
Letter from Mr.
Secretary St. John.*

but have since been released, and are now permitted by them to pursue their voyage, praying new passes for the said ships, was read, as were likewise the said petition and extract of the resolution of the States General, relating to the forementioned ships referr'd to in the said letter. Whereupon ordered that Sir William Hodges, Sir John Houlblon and Sir John Lambert, with any others of the petitioners they think proper, have notice to attend their lordships on Thursday, the 24th instant.

A letter from Mr. Bennet, Lieutenant Governor of Bermuda, dated the 26th of December, 1710, was read, and the papers referr'd to therein were laid before their lordships, and are as follows, vizt. :

Proceedings of the Court of Admiralty in Bermuda, in March 170⁷/₈, against the sloop *Margaret*, condemned for illegal trade.

Proceedings of the Court of Admiralty in Bermuda, in February, 170⁸/₉, against the brigantine *Industry*, condemned for illegal trade.

Proceedings of the Admiralty Court in Bermuda, in November, 1709, against the ship *Three Friends*, condemned as lawfull prize.

Proceedings of the Court of Admiralty in Bermuda, in December, 1709, against three Spanish Launces, condemned as lawfull prize.

Proceedings of the Admiralty Court in Bermuda, in September, 1710, against the sloop *Isabella*, condemned for illegal trade.

Proceedings of the Admiralty Court in Bermuda, in August, 1710, against the sloop *Happy Return*, condemned for illegal trade.

Proceedings of the Admiralty Court in Bermuda, in July, 1710, against the sloop *Diligence*, condemned as lawfull prize.

Acts past in Bermuda in September, 1708, and November, 1710.

Whereupon ordered that Mr. Holt [fo. 352], have notice to attend the Board on Fryday, the 25th instant, in relation to what Mr. Bennet writes in paragraph E of the foresaid letter, touching illegal trade to Curacoa.

May 24. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A letter from Sir Edward Northey, her Majesty's Attorney General, of the 19th instant, returning two volumes of Maryland entries, and acquainting their lordships that he is ready to attend them in relation to the petition of the Lord Baltimore [fo. 261, 354], mentioned in the minutes of the 13th of March last, was read. Whereupon, ordered that Mr. Weston, solicitor to his lordship, be desired to inform the Board when the Lord Baltimore will be ready, in order to their appointing a day for hearing his lordship upon the said petition accordingly.

A letter from the Lord Dartmouth, of the 2nd of the last month [fo. 352], acquainting their lordships that application had been made to her Majesty to appoint Mr. Byerly, who is Receiver and Collector

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*Passes for two
Spanish ships.*

*Merchants
summon'd.*

Bermuda.
*Letter from the
Governor.*

*Papers of publick
proceedings.*

*Mr. Holt
summond.*

Maryland.
*Letter from Mr.
Attorney General
about hearing on
Lord Baltimore's
petition.*

*Letter to his
lordship's solicitor
thereupon.*

New York.
*Letter from
Lord Dartmouth
about a
new counsellor.*

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*Answer to be
prepar'd.*

Barbadoes.
*Letter from the
President.*

Plantations General.
*Letter from Mr.
Dummer, packet
boat lost.*

Trade.
*Letter from Sir
William Hodges.
Passes for two
Spanish ships.*

Trade.
*Treaty of comerce
with Spain.*

*Spanish merchants
about passes for two
ships.*

*Sir John Lambert
about Consul at
Lisbon's complaint.*

*Copy of the
memorial given him.*

Trade.
*Letter from the
Duke of Queensberry.
Certificates for ships
passing through
the Sound.
Eastland merchants
summond.*

General at New York, a member of her Majesty's Council of that Province, and desiring to know if their lordships had any objections thereunto, was read, and directions given for preparing the draught of an answer to the said letter.

A letter from Mr. Lillington, President of the Council of Barbadoes, dated the 24th of February, 1710 [*fo.* 65, 390], relating to the Assembly's having pass'd the Excise Bill there, was read.

A letter from Mr. Edmund Dummer, of the 22nd instant, giving account of the Frankland packet boats having been taken by the French, was read.

A letter from Sir William Hodges, inclosing a copy of a petition to her Majesty from some Spanish merchants trading to Spain, mentioned in the minutes of the 17th instant, praying new passes for two Spanish ships [*fo.* 345], intended for the Buenos Ayres in America, was read, as were likewise a memorial, containing reasons for granting the said passes &c. together with attested translations of the passes, granted by the Dutch to the said ships.

Copy of what Sir William Hodges formerly presented to the ministry, relating to a treaty of commerce with Spain, which is in part in answer to the letter from the secretary to the Spanish merchants of the 6th of March last [*fo.* 255], concerning their trade, was read.

Sir William Hodges, Sir John Lambert, with other Spanish merchants attending, their petition to her Majesty, read the 17th instant, relating to new passes for the ships aforementioned [*fo.* 345, 355], together with the extract of the resolution of the States General touching the same, as also the forementioned paper of reasons, were read; and it appearing by the Dutch passes that the said ships carry'd iron ballast in them, and their lordships being of opinion that the same was prohibited by the Act of the 3rd and 4th of her Majesty, for prohibiting all trade and commerce with France, Sir William was desired to state that case, and to bring to their lordships the opinion of her Majesty's Council thereupon, which he promised to do accordingly.

Then these gentlemen being withdrawn, Sir John Lambert only remaining, their lordships communicated to him Mr. Milner's memorial to the Lord Dartmouth mention'd in the minutes of the 10th instant [*fo.* 341], relating to Monsieur la Roche's refusing to take upon him the care of the effects of an English merchant, deceased &c. Whereupon Sir John Lambert desiring he might have a copy of the said memorial, and (*sic*) promised to write to his friend Mr. La Roche thereupon, ordered that a copy be sent him accordingly.

A letter from the Duke of Queensberry, of the 23rd instant, referring to the Board an extract of a letter from Mr. Pulteney, her Majesty's Envoy at Copenhagen [*fo.* 305, 383], together with copies of the certificates for ships passing through the Sound, which were read. Whereupon ordered that the Eastland merchants have notice to attend the Board on Wednesday morning next. [N.B.—A letter was writ to their secretary the 2nd of June.]

May 25. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie.

A letter to the Lord Dartmouth, in answer to his lordship's of the 2nd of April last [*fo.* 348], relating to Mr. Byerly's being a member of her Majesty's Council in New York, directed at the last meeting, was signed.

Mr. Holt attending [*fo.* 347], as he had been desired the 17th instant, paragraph E of Mr. Bennet's letter of the 26th of December, 1710, relating to illegal trade, read the said 17th instant, was communicated to him; whereupon he said that he did agree that only linnens were carried from Curacoa to Bermuda, and that provisions were not carried from Bermuda but from the continent to Curacoa. As to the Christian names of the persons mention'd in the said paragraph, he said he could not remember them; but, if their lordships would please to let him have an extract of the said paragraph, he would look among his papers at home for the Christian names of those persons, and lay the same before their lordships; whereupon ordered that he have an extract accordingly.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Milner, to remind him of laying before their lordships, as soon as may be, what he and the Portugal merchants here have to offer [*fo.* 343, 371], in relation to the complaint of his brother, the Consul at Lisbon, touching the refusal of some Irish merchants to pay their contribution for the support of factory there.

May 28. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie.

A letter from the Lord Baltimore to the secretary, dated the 25th instant, desiring that Wednesday or Thursday next, may be fixt for the hearing on his petition to her Majesty, mentioned in the minutes of the 24th instant [*fo.* 348, 359], was read. Whereupon ordered that his lordship, Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor General, be acquainted that the Board have appointed Thursday next, between nine and ten, for the said hearing, and that they be desired to attend at that time accordingly.

A letter from the Lord Dartmouth, of the 24th instant [*fo.* 356], referring to the Board the translation of a letter from the Emperour of Morocco to Colonel Bennet, wherein he proposes that Gibraltar be made a free port for his cruizers and merchant ships, was read: and their lordships made a progress in the consideration thereof, and agreed to proceed further thereupon at their next meeting.

May 30. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Baillie.

Extract of a letter from Colonel Dudley, Governor of New England, to Mr. Newman, relating to his want of counsellors in New Hampshire, and to Mr. Usher's having suspended Mr. Waldron from the said Council, was read.

Sir William Hodges, Sir John Lambert and Mr. Hays attending upon the petition of the Spanish merchants [*fo.* 350], mention'd in the minutes of the 24th instant, Sir William said that he hoped their lordships did not now expect the opinion of her Majesty or Council, in relation to the carrying of iron to the Buenos Ayres in the ships for which they desire passes, since there is a clause brought

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New York.

*Letter to
Lord Dartmouth.
New counsellor.*

Bermuda.

Mr. Holt.

*Illegal trade at
Curacoa.*

Trade.

Letter to Mr. Milner.

*Complaint of the
Consul at Lisbon.*

Maryland.

*Letter from the
Lord Baltimore
about a hearing on
his petition.*

A day fixt.

Trade.

*Letter from
Lord Dartmouth
about making
Gibraltar a free port.*

New Hampshire.

Counsellors wanting.

Waldron suspended.

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*Spanish merchants.
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into an Act of Parliament allowing iron to be carried to the Spanish West Indies; and being asked whether the Buenos Ayres was not within the limits of the South Sea Company, they said that if it be within these limits, yet, as the passes were only desired for Spanish ships, which were loaden at Cadiz (though in part with British goods) and not loaded in this kingdom, they did not see they could any ways be restrained from going their intended voyage, by reason of the said South Sea Company.

Trade.
*Opinion of the
merchants on the
Emperor of Morocco's
desire that Gibraltar
be made a free port
for his ships.*

Then their lordships acquainted these gentlemen with the substance of the Emperor of Morocco's letter, relating to the making of Gibraltar a free port for his trading ships and cruizers [fo. 354, 366], mentioned in the minutes of the 28th instant. Whereupon they said that her Majesty had already made Gibraltar a free port for her Majesty's subjects, and the Dutch; that should her Majesty agree to the Emperor of Morocco's proposal, it would be of ill consequence, for by that means they would be continually cruizing off Gibraltar, and so intirely ruin the trade thither from Malaga and Cadiz; that by a treaty with Algiers, concluded in April, 1682, by another in April, 1686, and by another in August, 1700, it is agreed "that none of the ships or other smaller vessels of Algiers shall remain cruizing in sight of any of her Majesty's roads, havens, ports, towns and places, nor any way disturb the peace and commerce of the same." Mr. Hayes, who lived some time at Gibraltar, said that lime might be had from the mountains there, and Sir William Hodges added that from Pharo, which is but a day's sail, they may have plenty of brick and lime; besides that he did not think that there was any dependence to be had upon the promise of having those materials from Barbary.

Representation.
Passes.

After these gentlemen were withdrawn, ordered that the draught of a representation be prepared, proposing that her Majesty be pleased to grant her passes to the said 2 Spanish ships.

May 31. Present:—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

Trade.
*Representation.
Passes for two
Spanish ships.*

*Letter to Mr. Secretary
St. John.*

A representation upon the petition of Sir William Hodges and other Spanish merchants [fo. 355], praying passes for two Spanish ships intended to sail to the Buenos Ayres in America, directed at the last meeting, proposing that her Majesty be graciously pleased to grant the said passes accordingly, together with a letter to Mr. Secretary St. John, inclosing the same, were signed.

Maryland.
*Hearing on
Lord Baltimore's
petition about his
nomination of a
Governor.*

The Lord Baltimore attending with Sir Thomas Powis and Mr. Dodd, his lordship's council, as appointed on the 18th instant [fo. 354, 379], and Mr. Attorney General, to whom his lordship's petition (hereafter mentioned) is likewise referr'd, being present, as also Mr. Solicitor General, in the behalf of her Majesty, the Lord Baltimore's petition, referr'd to this Board by the Lord Dartmouth's letter of the 5th of February last, was read, setting forth, that his ancestors at great hazard and expence had settled the Province of Maryland; that his lordship holds the same as proprietor, by virtue of letters patents from King Charles the First, and was always allow'd the right of nominating and appointing

Governors, till soon after the late revolution, that his late Majesty appointed a Governor of that Province, and continued so to do during his reign, though the petitioner endeavour'd by petition to obtain his right; that her Majesty has continued to do the same, which the petitioner conceives would not have been done, had he been heard before her Majesty, and therefore he prays to be heard by his council, to make out his right to appoint Governors of the said Province.

After which, Sir Thomas Powis, in behalf of the Lord Baltimore, said that his lordship had an undoubted right of appointing Governors, by virtue of a charter to his ancestors from King Charles the First, dated the 20th of June, 1633, whereby, amongst other powers and royalties of government, the proprietor was authorized to nominate and appoint Deputy Governors of the said Province; so that, unless it could be made appear that the crown had no power to grant such a charter, that his lordship had forfeited that right, or had surrender'd the same, he ought to be restored thereto.

That in the year 1690, the government was, for reasons unknown to his lordship, taken from him, for it only appears by a report from the then Lord Chief Justice Holt, and by another from the then Attorney General, Sir George Treby, that there was a necessity for it, without explaining what that necessity was; that his lordship has been a considerable loser in his revenue arising from that Province, for, by an Act pass'd there for raising two shillings per hogshead on tobacco exported, his lordship is obliged to receive his quit rents in tobacco, at the rate of two pence per pound, which was never sold at more than one penny; whereby he loses one half of that part of his revenue, whereas formerly it used to be paid him in money; that one shilling per hogshead of the forementioned two shillings is taken from his lordship, and apply'd to the maintenance of a Governor, which was urged as a very great hardship upon his lordship.

Mr. Dodd, in behalf of his lordship, said, that supposing there was a real necessity in 1690 for taking the government out of his lordship's hands, it was not to be supposed that the same was to continue forever; and therefore, when that supposed necessity ceased, 'twas but reasonable and just that his lordship should be restored to his right again; that his lordship, having always countenanced the Protestants of that Province, and even prefer'd them in many cases to the Roman Catholicks (though his lordship is of that persuasion), and having never done any thing to forfeit his right, he did not see there was any necessity for dispossessing his lordship any longer of his right of appointing Governors, which Governors, so to be appointed by his lordship, he was ready and desirous to submit to her Majesty's approbation.

Then Mr. Solicitor General, in behalf of her Majesty, said, that there were in 1689 several articles of complaint exhibited by the inhabitants against his lordship; that it appear'd, by the preamble of the commission to the first Governor appointed by his late Majesty (which preamble was read), that the necessity mentioned in the foresaid reports of the Lord Chief Justice Holt and Sir George Treby, for taking that government into the hands of the Crown was,

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that the Province of Maryland was fallen into disorder and confusion, by means whereof not only the publick peace and administration of justice was broken and violated, but also that there was an utter want of provision for the guard, and defence of the said country against the enemy, whereby the same was exposed, and like to be lost to the Crown; and that he conceived those reasons were sufficient to justify the taking the government out of his lordship's hands; that since the legislature of this kingdom had thought fit to exclude Papists from the crown, he thought it deserv'd consideration how far it was reasonable to trust so considerable a Province as Maryland in the hands of a person of that perswasion.

As to his lordship's losses, mentioned by Sir Thomas Powis, Mr. Solicitor took notice that the foresaid Act for raising two shillings per hogshead was pass'd in the year 1671 before the revolution, and whilst that government was in his lordship's hands; so that what loss his lordship may receive by the payment of his quit rents in tobacco, cannot be said to have happen'd to his lordship from the Crown's appointing of Governors there.

As to what was said that his lordship suffers also by the applying of one shilling out of the two shillings per hogshead to the use of the Governor, he took notice that, by a proviso in the forementioned Act, it is enacted, that one half of the money by this Act to be raised be employ'd towards the maintaining a constant magazine, with arms and ammunition for the defence of that Province, and defraying other publick necessary charges of the government; so that there was no injustice done his lordship on that particular; that his lordship does enjoy the benefit of the soil as proprietor, and every thing else saving the sole nomination of a Governor; that it does not appear by entries in the books, that his lordship made any application (except when the first Governor was appointed) to be restored to the right of naming a Governor.

Then Sir Thomas Powys produced Colonel Taylor, who was an inhabitant in Maryland at the late revolution, and for some years before; who said that he knew of no complaint when he was there against the Lord Baltimore, except by some inconsiderable people, nor never heard that any Protestants were disturbed or discouraged on account of their religion. On the contrary, he has known his lordship reject papists, and prefer Protestants to places of trust; the same was also confirmed by Captain Wharton, who was an inhabitant of that Province before the revolution.

Then Sir Thomas Powys said, that though it did not appear by the entries in the books that his lordship had petitioned to be restored to his right, the reason of that might be, because nothing was done upon them. However his lordship was ready to declare upon oath or otherwise that he had made such application. Whereupon his lordship did assure the Board that he had done it upon the nomination of every Governor since the year 1690; and Colonel Blakiston, who attended, acquainted the Board that his lordship did it when he was appointed Governor of that Province.

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June 4. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A representation upon the proposal from the Emperour of Morocco to Colonel Bennet [*fo.* 356], relating to the making Gibraltar a free port for his trading ships and cruizers, mentioned in the minutes of the 30th of the last month, together with a letter to the Lord Dartmouth, inclosing the same, were signed.

A letter from Mr. Jeronomy Clifford, inclosing some printed cases, relating to the damages sustained by him at Surinam by means of unjust sentences given against him by the Governor of that place &c. was read.

Trade.
Representation on the
Emperor of Morocco's
proposal.
Gibraltar.
Letter to
Lord Dartmouth.

Miscellanies.
Letter from Mr.
Clifford. Damages
at Surinam.

June 6. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

The accounts of the incident charges of this office, ending at Lady Day last, were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

The secretary's account of petty expences, from Christmas 1710, to Lady Day following, amounting to	..	..	..	..	..	4	2	8
The stationer's account for the same time	..	..	..	..	..	25	6	11
The post officer's account for the same time	19	3	8

Amounting in the whole to	£48	13	3
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Miscellanies.
Incidents.

And a letter to the Lord High Treasurer, inclosing the same, and desiring payment thereof, as also of the salaries due to this office, was signed.

Letter to
Lord Treasurer.

June 8. Present :—Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A letter from Colonel Jenings, President of the Council of Virginia, dated the 1st of November, 1710, was read.

Virginia.
Letter from the
President.

A letter from Colonel Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, dated the 6th of March, 1711, relating to some Acts past in that colony, was read, and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before this Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

Virginia.
Letter from the
Governor.

Proclamation declaring her Majesty's pleasure concerning the granting of land.

Form of a writ for electing burgesses in Virginia.

Minutes of Council of Virginia, from the 10th October, 1710, to the 6th of February, 1711.

Minutes of the Assembly of Virginia, from the 25th of October, 1710, to the 9th of December following.

Minutes of Council in Assembly, from the 25th of October, 1710, to the 9th of December, 1710.

Whereupon their lordships agreed to take into consideration the Acts mentioned in paragraph A of the said letter, the one entituled *An Act for preventing frauds in the Customs &c.*, the other entituled *An Act declaring who shall not bear office in this country*, both contained in the book of Virginia laws No. 2 [*fo.* 25 and 165], as also

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Virginia.
*Letter from the
Governor.*

paragraph F, relating to the writs for summoning an Assembly, and paragraph I, touching a new counsellor.

Another letter from Colonel Spotswood, dated the 6th of March, 1711, containing observations upon several Acts past in October, 1710 (and transmitted with the said letter), was read, and their lordships agreed to take into further consideration at the first opportunity [*fo.* 394], the following paragraphs, vizt. : The latter end of the 5th paragraph, which relates to the Virginia owners of ships having greater privileges and exemptions than British ships; the latter end of the 6th paragraph, relating to the probate of wills; and the 7th paragraph, relating to the rates of foreign coins.

Trade.
*Memorial from
Portugal merchants
about state of their
trade and complaint
of the Consul at
Lisbon.*

Mr. Milner attending, presented to their lordships a memorial sign'd by several Portugal merchants. The first part whereof is in answer to a letter wrote them the 6th March last [*fo.* 255], relating to the general state of that trade; the other part of the said memorial relates to the complaint of the Consul at Lisbon, [*fo.* 353, 395], touching the refusal of several merchants there to pay their contribution, and to Mr. la Roche's refusing to take care of the effects of a merchant deceased; which memorial their lordships agreed to take into consideration at a convenient opportunity.

June 14. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

Trade.
*New regulations in
Denmark for
privateers.*

Their lordships took into consideration the King of Denmark's new regulations for privateers [*fo.* 326, 377], referr'd to in the Duke of Queensberry's letter of the 1st of May last, and read the 3rd of the same month; and upon comparing these regulations with those of the last year, their lordships found that the second article in the new regulations is the same as the former, and therefore agreed to make the same observation as they did the last year; that the third article of the last year, relating to privateers giving security to make good damages committed by them, is intirely omitted in the new regulations; that the third article of the new, agreeing in substance with the fourth article of the old regulations, their lordships resolved to make the same observations upon this, as they had the last year upon that. Then they agreed to proceed further in the consideration of the said regulations to-morrow morning.

June 15. Present:—Earl of Winchelsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

Miscellanies.
New commission.

A new commission from her Majesty was open'd and read, whereby (besides the great officers of state as in other commissions of this Board) the Earl of Winchelsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore and Mr. Gwyn, are appointed Commissioners for promoting the trade of this kingdom, and for inspecting and improving her Majesty's Plantations in America and elsewhere; and his lordship, being present, took his place at the Board accordingly.

**New York.
New Jersey.**
*Letter from the
Governor.*

A letter from Colonel Hunter, Governor of New York and New Jersey, dated the 7th of May, 1711 [*fo.* 381], containing an account

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of the present state of those governments, was read, and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

Two letters from Mr. John Cast, one of the officers who takes care of the Palatines, to Colonel Hunter, relating to the conduct of those people &c.

Papers referr'd to.

Copy of a letter from Colonel Hunter to the Commissioners of the Customs, dated the 7th of May, 1711, complaining of Mr. Birchfield, Surveyor of the Customs at New York, in relation to a prize brought in there, laden with cocoa, as also of his having suspended the collector at Amboy, and put in a person not so well qualify'd for that office, together with several papers relating thereto.

Minutes of the Council of New York, from the 27th of November, 1710, to the 3rd of May, 1711.

Minutes of the Assembly of New York, from the 3rd of April, 1711, to the 20th following.

Acts past at New York the 25th of November, 1710.

Several papers complaining of the male administration in the courts of justice in New Jersey, and of Judge Pinhorn's refusing writs of *habeas corpus* &c.

New Jersey papers.

Address of the Assembly to Colonel Hunter against Mr. Hall, one of the Council of New Jersey, Judge of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, complaining of his unjust proceedings in the execution of his said office, together with several depositions relating thereto, with Mr. Hall's answer.

Several petitions, depositions and other papers, containing complaints against Mr. Sonmans, one of the members of the Council of New Jersey, with his answer.

Several addresses and depositions against Mr. Bass, secretary of New Jersey.

Answer to Mr. Bass, secretary of New Jersey &c. to a representation of Mr. George Wilcox against him, complaining of hardships put on him by the said Bass.

An abstract of the representation of the Assembly of New Jersey on an address communicated to them by the Lord Lovelace from the Lieutenant Governor and Council of that Province to her Majesty &c.

Votes of the Assembly of New Jersey, from the 6th of December, 1710, to the 10th of February, 1711.

Copies of 14 Bills pass'd by the Assembly of New Jersey, but not assented unto by the Council.

Minutes of the Council of New Jersey, from the 6th of December, 1710, to the 10th February, 1711.

Acts pass'd in New Jersey in March and April, 1709, during the government of the Lord Lovelace.

Acts past in New Jersey in February, 1711.

Another letter from Colonel Hunter, of the same date, was also read, and the paper referr'd to therein was laid before the Board (vizt.) :

Another letter from the Governor.

Account of Colonel Hunter's conference with the Indians at Albany, the 7th of August, 1710, as also of the presents he made them.

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Plantations General.*Letter from
Colonel Quarry.*

A letter from Colonel Quarry to the secretary, dated the 5th of May, 1711, relating to the governments on the continent, was also read, and their lordships agreed to take the said letters into further consideration.

June 18. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

Miscellanies.
New commission.

Mr. Gwyn, appointed a Commissioner of Trade and Plantations by her Majesty's commission, read the 15th instant, came this day and took his place at the Board.

Trade.*Danish regulations
about privateers.**Letter to [the]
Duke [of] Queensberry.*

Their lordships took into consideration the King of Denmark's regulations relating to privateers [*fo.* 371, 379], mentioned in the minutes of the 14th instant, and gave directions for preparing the draught of a letter to the Duke of Queensberry thereupon.

**New England.
Antego.***Letter from Mr.
Boult about murder
of Colonel Parke.*

A letter from Mr. Andrew Boult, dated at Boston in New England the 14th of April, 1711 [*fo.* 345, 391], giving an account of the murder of Colonel Parke at Antego, was read.

Maryland.*Petition of
Mr. Seymour for
Queen's share of 1s.
per hogshead.*

Their lordships then took into consideration the reference from the Lord Dartmouth, read the 19th of September last, upon the petition of Mr. Seymour, praying a grant of her Majesty's share of the duty of one shilling per hogshead on tobacco, from the death of his father [*fo.* 84, 391], late Governor of Maryland, to the date of a new Governor's commission. Whereupon ordered that Mr. Seymour be desired to get an account of what that duty will amount to from the time of his father's death aforesaid, and lay the same before the Board.

*Letter to
Mr. Seymour for an
account of that duty.*

June 19. Present:—Earl of Winchelsea, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

Virginia.
*Colonel Blakiston.
Addresses.*

Colonel Blakeston attending, he presented to their lordships the copies of 2 addresses to her Majesty [*fo.* 380], the one from the Council of Virginia, the other from the Assembly of the said colony. Whereupon ordered that the draught of a letter be prepared for transmitting the same to the Lord Dartmouth, to be laid before her Majesty.

*Letter to
Lord Dartmouth.***Trade.***Letter to the
Duke [of] Queensberry.
Danish regulations
for privateers.*

The draught of a letter to the Duke of Queensberry, upon a reference from his Grace of the 1st of the last month [*fo.* 377, 380], relating to the regulations for Danish privateers, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Maryland.*Draught of repre-
sentation on
Lord Baltimore's
petition.*

Their lordships took into consideration the draught of a representation upon the Lord Baltimore's petition to her Majesty [*fo.* 359, 381] (mentioned in the minutes of the 31st of the last month) relating to the right of appointing Governors of Maryland, and made a progress therein.

Trade.*Letter from Lord
Dartmouth with
African petition.*

A letter from the Lord Dartmouth of the 18th instant, referring to their lordships the extract of a petition from the Royal African Company to her Majesty [*fo.* 253, 381], was read.

New York.*New Jersey.
Letters &c. from the
Governor.*

Their lordships then agreed to take into consideration to-morrow morning, the letters from Colonel Hunter, Governor of New York and New Jersey, together with the papers referr'd to therein, mentioned in the minutes of the 15th instant.

June 20. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

A letter to the Lord Dartmouth, inclosing two addresses, the one from the Council, the other from the Assembly of Virginia, to her Majesty [*fo.* 378], mentioned in yesterday's minutes, was signed.

A letter to the Duke of Queensberry upon the new regulation for Danish privateers [*fo.* 379], agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

Their lordships again taking into consideration the draught of a representation upon the petition of the Lord Baltimore [*fo.* 379, 415], mentioned in yesterday's minutes, ordered that a copy thereof be sent to Mr. Attorney General, for his opinion thereupon.

A letter from Mr. Secretary St. John, of the 19th instant, refering to their lordships the copy of an address from the House of Commons to her Majesty, relating to the trade to Africa [*fo.* 379, 397], directing the Board to consider that trade, and in what manner it may be carried on with the greatest advantage to her Majesty's subjects, and to lay a full and ample state of the same before her Majesty, was read.

Their lordships then took into consideration Colonel Hunter's letters of the 7th of May, 1711, mentioned in yesterday's minutes [*fo.* 373, 385], and gave directions for preparing the draught of a representation upon paragraphs B, C.e, D.d and G.g, which relate to the behaviour of several of the Council in New Jersey, upon paragraph W.w and X.x, that relate to the dissolution of the Assembly of New York, and further ordered that the secretary send to Mr. Lowndes what Colonel Hunter writes in relation to the settlement of the Palatines [*v. infra*] for the information of my Lord High Treasurer.

June 22. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A letter to the Secretaries of the Treasury, inclosing the extract of Colonel Hunter's letter of the 7th of May last, relating to the settlement of the Palatines on Hudson's River in New York [*v. supra*, *fo.* 394], and to the difficulties he labours under to subsist them, directed at the last meeting, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

Copy of an Order of Council, of the 14th instant, approving a representation of the 8th of May, 1711 [*fo.* 331], on an address from the Assembly of Maryland against the Governor's having the custody of the seal of that Province, and upon two Acts past there in July, 1699, and October, 1704, proposing a repeal thereof, was read.

Copy of another Order of Council, of the 14th instant, upon a representation of the 8th of May, 1711, upon an address from the Assembly of Maryland, relating to a repealed Act, about the guage of tobacco hogsheads [*fo.* 331, 384] and against the cropping and defacing the same, approving the said representation, and directing the Lord Dartmouth to prepare an instruction to the Comander in Chief of that Province, as is proposed in the said report.

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Virginia.
Letter to
Lord Dartmouth
with addresses.

Trade.
Letter to Duke of
Queensberry.
Privateers.

Maryland.
Representation on
Lord Baltimore's
petition.
Sent to Mr.
Attorney General.

Trade.
Letter from Mr.
Secretary St. John.
Address from the
Commons.
African trade.

New York.
New Jersey.
Governor's letters.

Representation on
extracts thereof.

Letter to Mr.
Lowndes.
Palatines.

New York.
Letter to the
secretaries of the
Treasury.
Palatines.

Maryland.
Order of Council
on representation
against the
Governor's keeping
the seal, and upon
two Acts.

Order on repre-
sentation about a
repealed Act.
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hogsheads, &c.

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Trade.

*Eastland Company's
memorial about
certificates for ships
passing the Sound.*

*Letter to Mr.
Carkesse thereupon.*

New York.

*Letter from the
Board of Ordnance
about stores of war
wanting at New York.*

New Jersey.

*Governor's letter.
Merchants
summon'd.*

Maryland.

*Instructions about
guage of tobacco
hogsheads, &c.*

*Letter to
Lord Dartmouth.*

Virginia.

*Letter from the
Bishop of London.
New counsellor.*

New Jersey.

Acts consider'd.

A memorial from the Eastland Company, in answer to a letter from the secretary of the 2nd instant, upon the extract of a letter from Mr. Pulteney, her Majesty's Envoy at Denmark, relating to certificates for British ships passing through the Sound &c. [fo. 351], was read. Whereupon ordered that a copy of the said extract of Mr. Pulteney's letter, as also of the forementioned memorial [fo. 393], be sent to Mr. Carkesse, to desire to know how far the matter therein proposed is practicable.

A letter from the Board of Ordnance, of the 18th instant, inclosing the copy of one from Colonel Hunter, of the 7th of May, to the Duke of Marlborough, with an account of the ordnance stores in the garrison at New York, as also of the want of small arms there, was read.

Their lordships taking again into consideration what Colonel Hunter writes in relation to the proceedings of the last Assembly of New Jersey, ordered that Mr. Docminique, Mr. Dockwra and Mr. Richier, have notice to attend their lordships on Wednesday morning next.

June 25. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

The draught of instructions to the Commander in Chief of the Province of Maryland [fo. 383], relating to the guage of tobacco hogsheads, and to the appointing an agent to negotiate the affairs of the said province here, was agreed, and a letter transmitting the same to the Lord Dartmouth was signed.

A letter from the Bishop of London, of the 21st instant, recommending Mr. Edward Hill to be a member of her Majesty's Council of Virginia, was read ; and their lordships agreed to take the same into consideration at a convenient opportunity.

Their lordships then took into consideration the 14 Bills pass'd by the House of Representatives of New Jersey, and rejected by the Council there, referr'd to in Colonel Hunter's letter of the 7th of the last month [fo. 381, 386], together with his remarks thereon, contained in the said letter, and went through the same, and agreed to consider to-morrow morning the other papers referr'd to in the said letter.

June 26. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

The draught of a letter to Colonel Hunter, Governor of New York and New Jersey [fo. 392], was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

Their lordships then took into consideration the several papers referr'd to in Colonel Hunter's letter of the 7th of May last [fo. 385, 386], mentioned in yesterday's minutes, and read those which follows, vizt. :

Address of the Assembly to Colonel Hunter against Mr. Hall, one of the Council of New Jersey, Judge of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, complaining of his proceedings in the execution of his said office, together with several depositions relating thereto, with Mr. Hall's answer.

New York.**New Jersey.**

*Letter to the
Governor.*

New Jersey.

*Complaints against
some of the Council.*

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Several petitions, depositions and other papers containing complaints against Mr. Sonmans, one of the members of the Council of New Jersey, with his answer.

Several papers complaining of male administration in the courts of justice in New Jersey, and of Judge Pinhorn's refusing writs of *habeas corpus* &c., with his answer.

June 27. Present :—Earl of Winchelsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A letter to the Secretaries of the Treasury, desiring them to move the Lord High Treasurer that this Board may have an order to her Majesty's printer to deliver to them from time to time so many printed copies of Acts of Parliament, proclamations, or other publick papers, which may relate to the plantations or the trade and navigation of this kingdom, as may be necessary to be transmitted to the said Plantations, was agreed, and ordered to be sent.

Mr. Dockwra and Mr. Cox attending, in relation to what Colonel Hunter writes in his letter of the 7th of May last [fo. 386], mentioned in the minutes of the 20th instant, touching the proceedings of the Council and Assembly of that Province, and being asked what they knew concerning the same, they said, that they had received some letters from thence, but were not able at present to give their lordships any particular account of that matter; that, so soon as other letters which they expected were come to hand, they should then be better prepared to inform their lordships of what they at present desired to know.

Mr. Richier and Mr. Bridges also attending, and being asked the same thing, they said that as yet they had received no account of the proceedings of the said Council and Assembly, but when they did, their lordships should be acquainted therewith.

A letter from Colonel Hamilton, Comander in Chief of the Leeward Islands, dated at Antego the 5th and 7th of April, 1711, was read.

A second letter from him, dated at Mountserrat, the 26th of the same month, relating to the plundering of the Island of Berbuda; by one Bermingham, an Irishman in the service of the French, was read.

A third letter from him, dated at Antego, the 6th of May, 1711, transmitting the minutes of General Council in Assembly, from the 22nd of February, 1711, to the 15th of March following, was read.

Whereupon ordered that an extract of the foregoing letters from Colonel Hamilton, relating to the want of men of war for the defence of the Leeward Islands, be sent to Mr. Burchet, to be laid before the Commissioners of the Admiralty, and that an extract of the said letters, relating to the want of arms and stores of war for those islands [fo. 392], be sent to the Lord Dartmouth.

A letter from Mr. Lillington, President of the Council of Barbados, dated the 14th of April, 1711, relating to an amendment made by the Council to a Levy Bill sent them by the Assembly [fo. 349], and transmitting the minutes of the said Assembly, from the 26th of December, 1710, to the 20th of March following, was read.

**Plantations General.
Trade.**

*Letter to the
Treasury about Acts
of Parliament, &c.
to be sent to the
plantations.*

New Jersey.
*Mr. Dockwra, &c., at
the Board.*

Antego.
*Letter from Colonel
Hamilton.*

A second letter.

Third letter.

*Extract thereof sent
to Mr. Burchet and
Lord Dartmouth.*

Barbadoes.
*Letter from the
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Jamaica.*Letter from the Governor.**Papers refer'd to therein.**A second letter.**Third letter.***Antego.***Letter from one of the Council.***Maryland.***Letter from Mr. Seymour about duty of 1s. per hogshead on tobacco.***Jamaica.***Sir Charles Orby. New counsellor recommended.***New York.****New Jersey.***Letter to the Governor.***Leeward Islands.***Letter to the Lord Dartmouth about want of arms &c.***Leeward Islands.***Letter to Mr. Burchet. Want of men of war.***Trade.***Letter from Mr. Carkesse. Certificates.*

A letter from Major General Handasyd, Governor of Jamaica, dated the third of April, 1711, was read, and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board.

Accounts of her Majesty's Revenue, vizt., fines and forfeitures, quit-rents, wine licences, impost account of the fortifications, and account currant, from the 25th March, 1709, to the 25th March, 1710.

A second letter from him, dated the 19th of May last, relating to the repeal of a judgment given in the Supream Court at Jamaica in favour of Charles Long, esquire, and to an address that will be sent to her Majesty from the Council and Assembly of that island thereupon.

A third letter from him, of the same date, together with the translation of an intercepted letter relating to Monsieur Du Casses being arrived in those parts to convoy home the galleons, were read.

Mr. Micajah Perry and Mr. Cobb, his solicitor, attending, he presented to their lordships a letter from Mr. Thomas Morris, one of the members of the Council of Antego [*fo.* 377 ; *P. fo.* 62] giving an account of some proceedings there since the murther of Colonel Park, which was read.

The Earl of Winchilsea communicated to the Board a letter from Mr. Berkly Seymour to his lordship, dated the 27th instant, relating to the amount of the duty of 1s. per hogshead on tobacco in Maryland [*fo.* 378, 393], since the death of his father, the late Governor there, to the date of a new commission for that government, was read, and then their lordships agreed to take the same into consideration on Fryday morning next.

June 29. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

Sir Charles Orby attending, recommended to their lordships Mr. Hugh Totterdale to be a member of her Majesty's Council in Jamaica, in the room of Mr. Thomas Clark, junior, deceased. Whereupon ordered that the said Totterdale's name be added to the list of persons recommended to serve her Majesty in that station.

A letter to Colonel Hunter, Governor of New York and New Jersey [*fo.* 386], agreed the 26th instant, was signed.

A letter to the Lord Dartmouth, inclosing the extract of Colonel Hamilton's letter [*fo.* 389], relating to the want of arms, &c., stores of war for the Leeward Islands, directed at the last meeting, was signed.

A letter to Mr. Burchet, inclosing extracts of Colonel Hamilton's letters, relating to the want of men of war for the defence of the Leeward Islands [*fo.* 389, 396], directed at the last meeting, was agreed, and ordered to be sent.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse, of the 27th instant, promising the opinion of the Commissioners of the Customs, upon the extract of a letter from Mr. Pulteney, &c., relating to certificates for British ships passing through the Sound [*fo.* 383, 396] sent them the 23rd instant, was read.

Their lordships taking into consideration Mr. Seymour's petition, praying for her Majesty's share of the duty of 1s. per hogshead on tobacco in Maryland, &c. [fo. 391, 395] together with the several papers relating thereto, gave directions for preparing the draught of a representation thereupon.

A letter from Colonel Spotswood, Governor of Virginia, dated the 15th of December, 1710, was read.

Another letter from him, dated the 20th of March, 1710, relating to the woollen manufacture carried on in that colony, and to the production of naval stores, was also read; and their lordships agreed to take these and his two former letters into further consideration at the first opportunity. In the meantime ordered that the secretary do write to Colonel Spotswood to acknowledge the receipt of his late letters [fo. 369, 370], and to acquaint him that, after their lordships have fully considered the same, they will then return him particular answers thereunto.

July 2. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Baillie.

A letter from Mr. Lowndes, of the 28th of the last month, signifying my Lord Treasurer's desire to know upon what terms the Palatines were sent to New York, &c. [fo. 382], was read. Whereupon ordered that copies of the several representations in this office, relating thereunto, be sent to my Lord Treasurer accordingly.

A memorial from the Portugal merchants, part whereof is in answer to a letter wrote them the 6th of March last [fo. 255], relating to the general state of that trade, other part thereof relates to the complaints of the Consul at Lisbon against some merchants refusing to conform themselves to rules for the benefit of the factory there [fo. 371, 399], was read, and their lordships agreed to take the same into further consideration.

Their lordships then took into consideration the draught of a representation upon the petition of Mr. Seymour [fo. 393, 396], mentioned in the minutes of the 29th of the last month, and made a progress therein.

July 3. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

The draught of a representation upon the petition of Mr. Seymour, mentioned in yesterday's minutes [fo. 395, 409] was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

A letter from Mr. Burchet, of the 2nd instant, in answer to one writ him the 29th of the last month [fo. 393] inclosing a list of her Majesty's ships of war attending the plantations, was read.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse, of the 2nd instant, in answer to one writ him the 23rd of the last month, relating to certificates for British ships passing through the Sound, &c. [fo. 393, 402], inclosing a printed copy of one of the said certificates, was read. Whereupon ordered that the draught of an answer be prepared to the Duke of Queensberry's letter of the 23rd of May last, read the 24th ditto, relating to such certificates.

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Maryland.

*Mr. Seymour's
petition about share
of 1s. per hogshead, &c.
Representation to
be prepared.*

Virginia.

*Letter from the
Governor.*

Virginia.

*Second letter from
the Governor.*

*Answer.***New York.**

*Letter from Mr.
Lowndes.
Palatines.*

*Answer.***Trade.**

*Portugal merchants'
memorial about state
of that trade and com-
plaints of the consul
at Lisbon.*

Maryland.

*Draught of a repre-
sentation on Mr.
Seymour's petition.*

Maryland.

*Draught of a repre-
sentation on the
petition of
Mr. Seymour.*

Plantations General.

*List of ships
attending the
plantations.*

Trade.

*Letter from Mr.
Carkesse about cer-
tificates for ships
passing the Sound.
Draught
of a letter to
Duke of Queensberry.*

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Trade.

*African settlements.
Letters to the
Company and
separate traders.*

Their lordships taking into consideration the security of the settlements upon the coast of Africa, ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Perry, to acquaint him that their lordships desire to speak with any three of the members of the Royal African Company on Fryday morning next [*fo. 381, v. infra, 401, 402, 404*] upon that subject, and that letters be writ to Mr. Harris and Mr. Milner, to signify the same to the separate traders, that their lordships desire to speak with any three of them upon the same matter.

July 4. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Baillie.

Trade.

*Letter from the
Lord Dartmouth.
Settlements in Africa.*

*Captain Holland
summond.*

A letter from the Lord Dartmouth, of yesterday's date, referring to the Board the copy of a letter from Captain Holland, late commander of the ship *Scarborough* [*v. supra*] relating to the settlements on the coast of Africa, and to the trade there, was read. Whereupon ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Burchet, to desire that the said Captain Holland [*fo. 400*] may have notice to attend the Board to-morrow morning.

July 5. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwynn.

New Jersey.

*Mr. Dockwra &c.
to be summond.*

Ordered that letters be writ to Mr. Dockwra and Mr. Richier, to let their lordships know whether they have received any account from New Jersey [*P. fo. 8*], touching the transactions between the Council and Assembly of that province, that a day may be appointed for them to attend their lordships on that matter.

Trade.

*Memorial from the
Portugal merchants.*

Their lordships took into consideration the memorial from the Portugal merchants relating to the general state of that trade [*fo. 395*], and to the complaint of the Consul at Lisbon, mentioned in the minutes of the 2nd instant, and made a progress therein.

Barbadoes.

*Letter to Mr.
Attorney and Solicitor
General.
Court of Grand
Sessions.*

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor General, to remind them of a letter writ them the 3rd of January last [*fo. 164*] for their opinion upon some heads then transmitted to them for preventing certain illegal proceedings of the court of grand session in Barbadoes, and to desire that they will let their lordships have the same as soon as conveniently may be.

New England.

*Letter to Mr.
Attorney General
on petition of
Wait Winthrop.*

Further ordered that a letter be written to Mr. Attorney General, to remind him of another letter to him, of the 27th of April last, for his opinion on the petition of Wait Winthrop and others [*fo. 316*], relating to the Narraganset country, to desire him to let their lordships have the same as soon as he can conveniently.

July 6. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwynn.

Trade.

*Captain Holland
about settlements
in Africa.*

Captain Holland, late commander of the *Scarborough*, attending [*fo. 398*] as he had been desired, and being asked several questions relating to the state of the British settlements on the coast of Africa, mentioned in his letter (which was read the 4th instant), he said that he was there in August last; that the factories at Gambia and Sierraleon are demolished (which first is the best place for trade); that the rest are in a miserable condition, ill provided with stores, and little or no care taken of them by the

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company ; that the best fort there is Cape Corse Castle, the walls are of brick 14 foot thick, with 4 bastions, but it is in the same condition as the rest, with relation to stores of war, &c. ; that if the forts were to be repaired and put into a condition of defence, it would require 20,000*l.*, and 3 or 400 men to be in garrison there ; that he hears the Lords of the Admiralty are about sending two ships of war thither ; and he concluded that, if the British settlements be deserted for want of protection, the Dutch, Portuguese or French would infallibly take possession of them.

Mr. Pindar and Mr. Perry attending in behalf of the Royal African Company [*fo.* 397], and being asked the same questions as Captain Holland had been, they said that by the last letters they had received from their agents there, they did not apprehend their settlements to be in any immediate danger, unless they be attacked by a considerable force ; that there were now two ships of war, and two of their own ships which sailed from hence in April last with stores and other necessaries, upon the coast ; that they had petitioned her Majesty for what they thought necessary for the better defence and security of their settlements ; a copy of which petition they presented to their lordships, which was read. Then being asked what number of men and quantity of stores of war they thought would be necessary for the defence and security of the said settlements, they said they would consider thereof, and give their lordships their proposal in writing some day the next week.

Mr. Harris, Mr. Milner and Mr. Morris [*fo.* 397], in behalf of the separate traders, attending upon the same occasion, and being asked what they had to offer in relation to the securing the said settlements on the coast of Africa, they presented to their lordships their proposal upon that matter ; which being too general, they were desired to reconsider the same, and to make their proposal more particular, in relation to the number of men and quantity of ammunition and stores of war to be sent thither, which they promised to do accordingly.

A letter to Mr. Secretary St. John, upon the extract of a letter from Mr. Pulteney, her Majesty's Envoy at the court of Denmark, relating to certificates for ships passing through the Sound [*fo.* 396, *v. infra*] referred to this Board by the late Duke of Queensberry, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

July 11. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

A letter from the Lord Dartmouth, of the 6th of July, 1711, inclosing a letter from the Commissioners of the Admiralty to his lordship, of the third of the last month [*fo.* 397], relating to the trade to Africa, was read.

A letter to Mr. Secretary St. John, relating to certificates for British ships passing through the Sound [*v. supra*], mentioned in yesterday's minutes, was signed.

A letter from the Custom House officers of Bristol, with an account of ships sent this year to Newfoundland from that city, was read.

Trade.
*Royal African
Company about
their settlements.*

Trade.
*Separate traders on
the same subject.*

*Draught of a letter
to Mr. Secretary St.
John.
Certificates for
British ships.*

Trade.
*Letter from Lord
Dartmouth.
Trade to Africa.*

*Letter to Mr. Secretary
St. John.
Certificates for
British ships.
Newfoundland.
Ships sent from
Bristol this year.*

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Letter from Mr. Burchet about the commodore's behaviour in relation to some heads of enquiry.

A letter from Mr. Burchet about Mr. Crow, the Commodore of the Newfoundland convoy, desiring to know how he is to behave himself in relation to the several clauses in the heads of enquiry [fo. 260], which he says requires penalties to be inflicted either by seizures or forfeitures, was read, and an answer thereunto was agreed and ordered to be sent.

Carolina.
Order of Council on petition of Lords Proprietors praying Edward Hyde may be Governor. Draught of representation.

An Order of Council, of the 14th of June, 1711, referring to their lordships a petition of the Lords Proprietors of Carolina [fo. 405], praying her Majesty's approbation of Edward Hyde, esquire, to be Governor of North Carolina, was read, and directions given for preparing the draught of a representation thereupon.

Trade.
Proposal from the separate traders about the settlements there.

A letter from the separate traders to Africa, of this day's date, inclosing a proposal for securing the settlements on that coast [fo. 397, 405], together with an account of the ammunition, &c., necessary for each settlement, was read.

New Jersey.
Letter from Mr. Richier about four of the Council.

A letter from Mr. Richier, of the 9th instant, to the secretary, relating to the complaint he and others have to make against the proceedings of four of the members of the Council of New Jersey, was read.

July 12. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

Carolina.
Representation about a Governor for North Carolina.

A representation relating to Mr. Hyde's being Governor of North Carolina [fo. 404, 443] and giving 1,000*l.* security, &c., directed at the last meeting, was signed.

Trade.
Memorial from the Company.

A memorial from the Royal African Company containing an account of what will be necessary for the securing their forts and settlements on that coast [fo. 404, 411] was read.

New York.
Publick papers.

A letter from Mr. George Clark, secretary of New York, dated the 28th May, 1711, was read, and the papers therein referred to were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt.:

Publick papers.

Account of fees taken in the Supream Court at New York, &c.
Copy of a report from a committee of the Council, appointed to consider the table of fees of 1693, &c.

New York.
Second letter.

A second letter from him, of the 30th May, 1711, relating to Colonel Hunter's being gone to set the Palatines to work, to the disorders that have happend among them, and to Mr. Bridger, was read, and the papers referred to therein were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt.:

Publick papers.

Letter to Colonel Hunter from the Commissioners appointed for Indian affairs, relating to the design the French have to take possession at Onondage.

Letter to Colonel Hunter from the Commissioners appointed for Indian affairs, relating to his proceedings with the Indians at Onondage, &c.

Third letter.

A third letter from him, of the 31st of the same month, relating to the repentance and submission of the Palatines, &c., and to the proceedings with the five nations of Indians, was read, as also Colonel Schuyler's Journal referred to therein, relating to his negotiations with the five nations of Indians at Onondage.

A fourth letter from him, dated the 7th of June, relating to the progress the Palatines have made in preparing trees, &c., was likewise read.

Ordered that abstracts of the said letters relating to the Palatines be prepared, to be laid before my Lord Treasurer, and relating to the five nations of Indians [*fo.* 408], to be sent to the Lord Dartmouth.

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*Fourth letter.**Palatines.*

July 13. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Moore.

A letter from Mr. Bridger to the secretary, dated at Boston the 22nd of May, 1711, complaining of the great waste that is made in her Majesty's woods by Mr. Mico, &c., was read. Whereupon ordered that Mr. Collins have notice to attend the Board on Fryday morning next.

New England.
*Letter from Mr.
Bridger.*

A letter from Mr. Edward Lloyd, President of the Council of Maryland, acknowledging the receipt of the Board's letter of the 26th of October, 1710, and 8th of November following, was read.

Maryland.
*Letter from the
President.*

July 17. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Moore.

A memorial from the planters and merchants of Jamaica residing here, setting forth the apprehensions they are under, of the danger that island and her Majesty's other islands in the West Indies are exposed to from the fleet and forces the French have sent to those parts, and praying effectual relief for the security thereof, &c., together with a proposal relating thereto, were read; whereupon a letter, inclosing the same to the Earl of Dartmouth, was sign'd.

Jamaica.
*Memorial from the
merchants. Danger
of the islands from
the French.*

The draught of a letter to the Earl of Dartmouth upon what Mr. Clark, secretary of New York writes [*fo.* 407, 410] relating to the methods used by the French to corrupt the five nations of Indians, &c., was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

*Proposal relating
thereto.
Letter to the
Lord Dartmouth.*
New York.
*Draught of a letter
to the
Lord Dartmouth.
Designs of the French
on the Indians.*

A letter from Colonel Hamilton, Commander in Chief of the Leeward Islands, dated at Nevis, the 2nd of June, 1711, giving an account of the preparations the French are making at Martinico, to attack some of those islands, was read.

Nevis.
*Letter from the
Commander in Chief
about
danger of Antego.*

July 19. Present:—Lord High Treasurer, Lord President, Mr. Secretary St. Johns, Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

A representation upon the petition of Mr. Seymour, with a letter to the Lord Dartmouth inclosing the same [*fo.* 396] mentioned in the minutes of the 3rd instant, were signed.

Maryland.
*Representation on
the petition of
Mr. Seymour, &c.*

A letter from Mr. Lowndes, referring to their lordships an extract of a letter from Colonel Spotswood to the Lord Dartmouth [*fo.* 421], complaining that Mr. Corbin, the naval officer of Rapahanock River, had clear'd the *Robinson* frigate without his knowledge, and informing his lordship that he suspected there had been a rasure in some words in a letter under her Majesty's signal manual and signet, were read, as was the copy of her Majesty's

Virginia.
*Letter from Mr.
Lowndes relating to
the Robinson frigate
being clear'd without
Colonel Spotswood's
knowledge.
And a rasure in some
words in a letter under
her Majesty's sign
manual.*

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*Letter to Mr. Burchet
for a copy of a report
about the Robinson
frigate.*

New York.

*Letter to Lord
Dartmouth concerning
some designs of the
French on the Indians.*

Jamaica.

*Representation.
New counsellor.*

Trade.

*Captain Holland at
the Board.
African settlements.*

*He proposes four
ships of war to be
sent.*

*Present strength of
the settlements.*

*200 men with the
ships of war
sufficient.*

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*Provisions proportion-
able to the number
of men.*

*How the settlements
are supply'd with
provisions.*

African Company.

*Two men of war to
protect their settle-
ments sufficient.
But if the French are
to be annoy'd, two more
ought to be sent.*

*Number of men on
the coast.*

forementioned letter therewith transmitted; and it appearing that the said copy was dated at Windsor the 18th February, 1709, in the eighth year of her Majesty's reign, the secretary was sent to the Lord Dartmouth's office, to examine the books there, and being returned, he acquainted their lordships that the letter is there enter'd and dated at Windsor the 18th day September, 1708, in the 7th year of her Majesty's reign; and their lordships further taking notice that in the copy of her Majesty's said letter, mention is made that the opinion of the Lord High Admiral had been had upon that matter, ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Burchet [fo. 416], for a copy of the Lord High Admiral's report in relation to the said ship *Robinson*.

A letter to the Earl of Dartmouth, upon what Mr. Clarke, secretary of New York [fo. 408], writ in his late letters concerning some French officers having been amongst the five nations of Indians, was signed.

A representation, proposing Mr. John Carver to be of the Council of Jamaica, in the room of Mr. Thomas Clarke, deceased, was signed.

Captain Holland attending, as he had been directed, and being asked what number of ships, what number of soldiers and quantity of stores and ammunition was necessary to be sent for the protection of the settlements on the coast of Africa [fo. 405], he said that in relation to ships of war he did not think that the settlements cou'd be effectually secur'd without two 4th rates, and two 5th rates, to cruize in different stations, two to the leeward, and two to the windward.

As to the number of soldiers, he said, that the African Company have there about 100 men, vizt., in Cape Corse Castle about 60 (in which place there are about 35 guns mounted, some of which are four and twenty pounders); in Commenda about 18 men, in Dicky's Cove 12, and in Succunde 12; so that he thought if 200 men were sent from hence, it might be sufficient, with the assistance of the foremention'd ships of war, to secure the settlements.

As to the quantity of provisions, he said, they ought to be proportionable to the number of men already there, and to those that shall be sent thither.

Then being asked how the settlements there are supply'd with provisions, he said that salt provisions are sent from hence, and fresh provisions were fetch'd from St. Thome.

Mr. Pindar, Mr. Blake, and Mr. Perry, in behalf of the Royal African Company, attending, and being asked the same questions as Captain Holland, they said that, if the French send no greater force than usual to those parts, they hoped two fourth-rates, to be ready to sail from hence in a month's time or sooner, might be sufficient to protect their settlements; but, if there was any design of annoying the French, then it wou'd be necessary to have four ships, two to cruize to windward, and two to leeward.

As to the number of men, they said that they had there on the coast above 100 whites, most of them artificers, who serve upon occasion as soldiers; that they have about 500 mulatoes, who are bred up in their factories, and will be of service upon occasion;

that they intend to send about 40 men more; and therefore they were of opinion that, if her Majesty wou'd be pleased to send 100 men, to be disposed of in the several factories, they might be sufficient to protect the Gold Coast.

Then being asked what incouragement they give to the persons they send over, and whether they could not raise 100 men besides the 40 they intend to send, if they had money for it; they said that as they only send artificers, they give them, some 20, some 30 pounds, and others more or less a year, and one month's salary advance, and that they hoped they should be able, if they had money advanced, to raise the 140 men abovesaid. However they wou'd make enquiry and let their lordships know in a few days what they shou'd be able to do.

As to stores, they said that they are now about sending a ship with a sortable cargo, to be disposed of there towards the payment and subsistence of their servants and support of their factories; so that what they send is only for sale, and therefore what they have humbly desir'd of her Majesty is contain'd in their proposal presented to their lordships the 12th instant.

These gentlemen being desir'd to make an estimate of the charge of the whole that is now to be sent, both what they intend to send themselves and what they desire from her Majesty, distinguishing what part of that charge they can bear, they promised to do it accordingly, and lay it before their lordships the beginning of next week.

Mr. Heysham, Mr. Milner, Mr. Harris, and other separate traders attending, and being asked the same questions as Captain Holland [fo. 411, 415], their answer in relation to ships of war was the same as Captain Holland's.

As to men and stores, they proposed that 200 marines, with officers, be sent, and stores proportionable to the number of men.

Then being desir'd, in like manner as the company had been, to make an estimate of the charge of what they proposed, they promised to do the same, and send it to the office on Saturday or Monday next.

July 24. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner.

An estimate from the Royal African Company of the several particulars necessary for the present support of the settlements on that coast [fo. 414], was read.

Mr. Heysham, Mr. Harris and Mr. Milner with other separate traders attending, presented to their lordships a memorial, containing an estimate of what they thought necessary to be sent at present to Africa, for the security of the settlements there [fo. 414] which was read. Whereupon Mr. Secretary St. John was acquainted that the Board had received the forementioned estimates, that the Lords of the Committee of Council may appoint a day for the further consideration of that matter [fo. 416].

A letter from Mr. Attorney General, upon the petition of the Lord Baltimore [fo. 381, 420], relating to the nominating of Governors for Maryland, was read.

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*They intend to send
40 more.
And desire 100 may
be sent by the Queen.*

*What they allow the
persons they send
over per annum.*

*If mony were ad-
vanced, they would
raise the men to be
sent.*

*Account of stores
they intend to send,
and for what use.*

*They are desired to
make an estimate of
the charge, which they
promise to do.*

*Separate traders
answer the same as
Captain Holland's.*

*They propose 200
men and stores
proportionable.*

*They promise to make
an estimate of the
whole charge.*

Trade.

*Estimate of necessaries
for the settlements
in Africa.*

*Estimate of the
separate traders.*

*Mr. Secretary St. John
acquainted therewith,
and desired to appoin
a day for
considering the same.*

Maryland.

*Letter from Mr.
Attorney General on
Lord Baltimore's
petition.*

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Trade.

*Letter from Mr.
Secretary St. John
about the Committee's
meeting the Board
to-morrow.
African Company
and separate
traders to attend.*

Virginia.

*Letter from Mr.
Burchet with copy of
report about the
Robinson frigate.
Letter to be prepared
to Mr. Lowndes
thereupon.*

Trade.

*Merchants about
settlements in Africa.*

Queries.**Answer.**

July 25. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

A letter from Mr. Secretary St. John, of yesterday's date, signifying that the Lords of the Committee of Council will meet at this Board to-morrow at 12 of the clock, to consider further of the trade to Africa [*fo.* 415, 417], was read. Whereupon ordered that some of the members of the Royal African Company, some of the separate traders, and Captain Holland have notice to attend at the same time.

A letter from Mr. Burchet, of the 20th instant, with a copy of the report of his late royal highness the Lord High Admiral [*fo.* 410] on the petition of the owners of the *Robinson* frigate, was read, and directions were given for preparing an answer to Mr. Lowndes's letter, read the 19th ditto, upon that matter.

July 26. Present:—Lord Treasurer, Lord President, Sir John Leake, Mr. Secretary St. John, Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

Sir William Humphrys with several members of the Royal African Company attending, their estimate of the several particulars by them desired for the present support of the settlements on the coast of Africa [*fo.* 416, 422] was again read, and these gentlemen were asked several questions thereupon as follows:

How they computed the 6*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* per head for raising artificers, and the 4*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* for soldiers; to which they answer'd that the first was the customary allowance they always made, and was given to the said artificers in money, for providing themselves with cloaths and other necessarys for the voyage; that the 4*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* was laid out by the company for necessarys for the soldiers, and therefore they desired that money amounting to 572*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* might be immediately impressed to them, without which they could not raise the said men.

Then being asked why they demanded at present the salaries for the artificers, and the pay for the soldiers for six months, amounting to 1,075*l.*, which is not to commence till after their arrival, they said that the reason was, because that money was to be vested in goods here, to be sold upon the coast; and that it was absolutely necessary those goods should be sent along with the men, in order to pay them once a month, as they do their other servants. That the cargoe of goods they intend themselves to send, amounting to 2,500*l.* is to be sold for the payment of the servants they have already there; and they agreed that, if the several particulars they desired would not be sent to the coast of Africa on board the men-of-war, they would find tunnage for them.

Then they were ask'd how they computed the beef, pork, bread and other provisions. They said that was computed for one hundred men for six months, according to the Queen's sea allowance.

Being asked what security they would give that the Queen should be reimbursed the money she should advance at present upon this account, they said they hoped that the Parliament the next year, when the trade to Africa shall come to be settled, will make provision that those who shall have the management of that

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trade for the future shall be liable to make good what her Majesty shall now advance, or they were willing to give one of the companies bonds for it.

These gentlemen being withdrawn, their lordships agreed to represent to her Majesty that two fourth-rate and two fifth-rate ships of war be sent for the security of the coast.

That her Majesty be graciously pleased to advance the sums of money desired by the company for raising and subsisting the artificers and soldiers.

That the ordnance stores by them desired be furnish'd by the Board of Ordnance.

That the provisions be furnished by the Victualling Office.

That the rest of the particulars desired by the company be provided by them.

And that the Parliament be moved, when that trade shall come to be settled, that a clause be incerted in some Act, to reimburse her Majesty the expence she shall be at on this occasion.

Mr. Martin, Mr. Duport and several other Leeward Island merchants attending, in relation to a clause in an Act pass'd this sessions of Parliament, entituled *An Act for licensing and regulating hackney coaches and chairs, &c.*, whereby the sume of 103,003*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* is granted, to be distributed amongst the inhabitants of Nevis and St. Christopher's who have resettled their plantations; they were directed to lay before their lordships a list of the names of such persons as have made resettlements [fo. 433] together with the vouchers they have thereunto, which they promised to do accordingly.

A representation upon the Lord Baltimore's petition, relating to his right of nominating Governors of Maryland [fo. 415], was signed, and order'd that a letter be writ to Mr. Attorney General, to acquaint him that their lordships have no objection to his report, and that they have signed theirs this day.

A letter to the secretaries of the Treasury, in answer to one from Mr. Lowndes of the 17th instant [fo. 409], upon a letter from Mr. Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, complaining that Mr. Corbin, the naval officer of Rhappahanock River, had clear'd the *Robinson* frigate without his knowledge, and that he suspected there had been a rasure in some words of the letter under her Majesty's sign manual and signet, was agreed, and ordered to be sent.

Her Majesty's warrant, dated at Windsor the 10th instant, for granting to Thomas Day, esquire, a peice of ground in Bermuda [fo. 94] whereon his brother, when Governor, built a house, or for allowing the Assembly to purchase that house for 200*l.* sterling, for the use of the Governor there for the time being, was laid before their lordships; and the draught of a letter to Colonel Bennet [fo. 423], inclosing the same, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

July 27. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

Two memorials from the Royal African Company; the one, offering an obligation under the seal of the company for re-imbursing her Majesty what expence she shall be at in the protection of their

Nevis.
St. Christopher's.
Merchants about the money to be dispos'd of to those who have re-settled their plantations.

Maryland.
Representation on Lord Baltimore's petition about nominating Governors.

Virginia.
Letter to the Secretaries of the Treasury.
Naval officer of Rhappahanock River.

Bermuda.
Queen's warrant granting a peice of ground to Mr. Day.

Letter to Colonel Bennet thereupon.

Trade.
Memorial from the African Company about re-imbursing her Majesty, &c.

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*Representation.
Settlements in Africa.*

settlements [fo. 417]; the other, praying that the men they shall raise be put on board one of the guard ships in the Thames till they can be sent to Africa, were read.

A representation, relating to the securing of the settlements on the coast of Africa, together with a letter inclosing the same to Mr. Secretary St. John [fo. 417], were sign'd.

Bermuda.
*Letter to the
Governor.*

A letter to Colonel Bennet, Governor of Bermuda, inclosing her Majesty's warrant, dated the 10th of June, 1711 [fo. 422], relating to a peice of ground on which Mr. Day, late Governor of that island, had built a house, was signed.

August 1. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows,

" Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

St. Christopher's.
*Reasons for keeping
the same on a general
peace.*

Reasons for insisting on the keeping the whole island of St. Christopher's on a general peace, transmitted to their lordships with a letter from Mr. Bolt, dated at Boston the 14th April, 1711, mentioned in the minutes of the 18th June last, was read.

Bermuda.
*Letter from the
Governor.*

A letter from Colonel Bennet, Lieutenant Governor of Bermuda, dated the 22nd June, 1711, was read, and the papers therein refer'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

*Papers refer'd to
therein.*

Affidavit of Captain Roach relating to the preparations that were making at Martinico to attack the Leeward Islands.

Certificate of the clearing of the sloop *Ann* of Bermuda for Anguilla, dated the 25th June, 1711.

Barbadoes.
*Letter from the
President.*

A letter from Mr. Lillington, President of the Council of Barbadoes, dated the 13th June, 1711, was read, and the papers refer'd to therein were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

*[Papers refer'd to
therein.*

Proceedings of Mr. Lillington, junior, and Mr. Sissons, with Mr. Phelypeaux, for settling a cartel for the exchange of prisoners between Martinico and Barbadoes.

Copies of several letters to the President of Barbadoes, relating to the apprehensions the Leeward Islands are in of being attacked by the enemy.

*Extract thereof sent
Lord Dartmouth.*

Whereupon ordered that an extract of the said letter, relating to the preparations that were making at Martinico to attack Antego [fo. 426] as also a copy of the aforementioned proceedings about the settlement of a cartel for the exchange of prisoners, be sent to the Earl of Dartmouth.

Miscellanies.
Incidents.

The account of incident charges of this office, from Christmas, 1710, to Midsummer following, were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

The secretary's account of petty expences, from			
Christmas, 1710, to Midsummer following,	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
amounting to	15	7	5
The stationer's account for the same time	53	16	8
The post officer's account for the same time	79	1	1
Mr. Clark's account for wood and coals	34	8	9

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*Letter to
Lord Treasurer.*

And a letter to the Lord High Treasurer, to desire the payment thereof, as also of the salaries due to this office, was signed.

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August 3. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

A letter to the Lord Dartmouth, directed at the last meeting, inclosing extracts of a letter from Mr. Lillington, President of the Council of Barbadoes, together with copies of other papers [*fo.* 424] relating to the settling of a cartel with the Governor of Martinico for the exchange of prisoners, and to the preparations the French are making to invade Antego, was signed.

A letter from the President and the Council of Maryland, dated the 4th of November, 1710, was read, and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

Number of white men, women and children, and of negroes, young and old.

Minutes of the committee appointed to inspect, state, and examine the publick accounts.

Minutes of Council in Assembly of Maryland, from 24th October, 1710, to the 4th of November following.

Minutes of the Assembly of Maryland, from the 24th October, 1710, to the 4th of November following.

Acts pass'd at a General Assembly held in Maryland in November, 1710.

September 12. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Moore.

A letter from Mr. Lowndes, of the 3rd of August, 1711, referring to the Board a petition from Mr. Corbet, who was appointed Governor of Maryland, to her Majesty [*fo.* 434], praying for half the salary from the death of the late Governor of that province, was read, and their lordships resolved to take the same into consideration at a convenient opportunity.

A letter from Mr. Harley, referring to the Board, by order of my Lord High Treasurer, a report from Mr. Blathwayt, on a petition from Mr. Lambert, Lieutenant Governor of St. Christopher's, praying for a confirmation and grant of lands in the French part of that island [*fo.* 432], was read, and ordered that Mr. Thurston, who solicits that affair, have notice to attend their lordships to-morrow morning, in order to make out the allegations in the said petition, particularly in relation to the expence the said Lambert has been at in improving the land he petitions for.

A letter from Mr. Lowndes, referring to the Board, by order of my Lord High Treasurer, a report from Mr. How, relating to some bills drawn by Colonel Vetch for the use of the garrison of Annapolis in Nova Scotia [*fo.* 432], desiring to know whether there be not money of her Majesty's revenues in that country that may be applyd towards that expence, was read, and directions were given for preparing an answer thereunto, that their lordships, having no accounts of the revenue of those provinces, are not able to give my Lord Treasurer any state of the revenue there.

An Order of Council, of the 30th of July last, referring to the Board an address from the minister, churchwardens and vestry of St. Mary's in Burlington in New Jersey, relating to an Act lately pass'd in Pennsylvania, constituting a new form of protestation

Barbadoes.

Letter to Lord Dartmouth with extract of one from the President about Martinico, a cartel, &c.

Maryland.

Letter from the President.

Papers referr'd to.

Maryland.

Letter from Mr. Lowndes with Mr. Corbet's petition about half salary.

St. Christopher's.

Letter from Mr. Harley. Report from Mr. Blathwayt on Mr. Lambert's petition about grant of lands. Mr. Thurston summonsd.

New England.**Nova Scotia.**

Letter from Mr. Lowndes with Mr. How's report about bills drawn by Colonel Vetch for the use of the garrison of Annapolis. Answer.

New Jersey.**Pennsylvania.**

Order of Council. Address from New Jersey about an Act lately pass'd in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. Penn
summond.

Trade.

Letter from Mr.
Secretary St. John
with extract of one
from Mr. Wych about
herrings ill cured
arrived at Hamburg
from North Britain.
Letter to Lord Provost
of Edinburgh
thereupon.

Barbadoes.

Letter from the
President.

Letter from the
Governor.

Antego.

Letter from the
Lieutenant General
about attempts made
on Mountserrat.

Another letter from
him. Arrival of the
Governor, &c.

Paper therein
referr'd to.

Jamaica.

Letter from Major
General Handasyd.

Second letter from
him.

Papers therein
referr'd to.

Third letter from
him.

Letter from Lord
Archibald Hamilton.

for the Quakers not consonant to the affirmation enjoyned by Act of Parliament here, was read, as was also the Act itself (lately received from Mr. Penn) [P. fo. 23] entituled *An Act directing an affirmation to such, who for conscience sake cannot take the oath*, passed the 28th of February, 17th₁₁. Whereupon order'd that Mr. Penn be acquainted that their lordships desire to speak with him to-morrow, at eleven of the clock in the morning.

A letter from Mr. Secretary St. John, of the 17th of the last month, inclosing an extract of a letter from Mr. Wych, her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary at Hamburg, giving an account of the arrival there of a ship from North Britain [fo. 438] with a lading of herrings so ill cured that they were forced to be thrown into the sea, was read; and the secretary acquainted their lordships that he had already communicated the said extract to the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, who had return'd him an answer, signifying that he had writ to the several fishing townes to acquaint them therewith, and that he would take all possible care to prevent the like for the future, which was also read.

A letter from Mr. Lillington, President of the Council of Barbadoes, dated the 20th of June last, giving an account of the assistance sent from Barbadoes to the Leeward Islands, was read.

A letter from Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, dated the 24th of June last [fo. 434], signifying his arrival there the 22nd of the same month, was read.

A letter from Colonel Hamilton, Lieutenant General of the Leeward Islands, dated at Antego the 25th of June last, giving an account of the attempts the French had made on Mountserrat, and of their having been repulsed, was read.

Another letter from him, dated 13th July, signifying the arrival there of Major Douglas, the Governor-in-Chief, and vindicating himself for not having sent an express on the murder of Colonel Park, was read, as was also the following paper therein referr'd to.

Minutes of Council in Assembly of Antego, of 26th of January, 17th₁₁, and 10th of July following, in relation to Mr. Hamilton's proposing to the Council the hiring of a sloop, to give her Majesty an account of the death of Colonel Parke.

A letter from Major General Handasyd, Governor of Jamaica, dated the 24th of May, 1711, with an account of the ships of war that Monsieur Du Cass has with him, in order to convoy home the galleons, was read.

Another letter from him, of the 2nd of June, giving an account of some Acts then pass'd, was read, and the following papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, vizt. :

An address from the Governor, Council and Assembly of that island to her Majesty, relating to the Royal African Company, etc.; a paper entituled, Consideration from the Council and Assembly of that island, relating to the Royal African Company's obtaining an exclusive trade to Africa.

Another letter from him, of the 16th of July last, was read.

A letter from the Lord Archibald Hamilton, dated the 17th of July last, giving an account of his arrival there the 11th of the same month [fo. 434], was read.

September 13. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Moore.

Mr. Thurston attending, as he had been directed yesterday, with Mr. Richard Perry, Colonel Lambert's petition, mentioned in yesterday's minutes, praying for a confirmation and grant of land in the French part of St. Christopher's [fo. 428] was again read, and these gentlemen being asked how they could prove that the said Lambert had been at expence in cultivating the said lands, Mr. Perry communicated to their lordships a paragraph of a letter he had received from Colonel Lambert, informing him that he had planted the said lands with sugar canes. Then Mr. Thurston being desired to give their lordships the form of such grants as her Majesty had passed here [fo. 434] and an account of what quit rents are reserved in grants of lands in St. Christopher's, he promised to do the same accordingly.

The draught of a letter to the Secretarys of the Treasury, relating to several bills drawn by Colonel Vetch [fo. 428] as directed in yesterday's minutes, was agreed, and ordered to be sent.

September 20. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Moore.

Mr. Campbell and Mr. Duport attending, in behalf of the sufferers of Nevis and St. Christopher's, they presented to their lordships a list of the names of the several inhabitants of St. Christopher's who suffered by the French invasion in 1705 [fo. 420, 445] and by whom they are impowered to receive debentures, pursuant to an Act pass'd last session of Parliament. They also presented the form of a certificate, relating to the resettlements made by the said inhabitants; which papers were read, and thereupon ordered that Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor General be desired to come to the Board [fo. 436] that their lordships may discourse with them thereupon on Wednesday, Thursday or Fryday next in the morning.

The draught of a debenture, to be issued to the forementioned sufferers of Nevis and St. Christopher's, being laid before the Board, was agreed, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from Mr. Lowndes, of the 3rd of August last, referring to their lordships a petition of Mr. Corbet, appointed Governor of Maryland, to her Majesty [fo. 427] praying for half the salary from the death of Colonel Seymour, late Governor of that province, mention'd in the minutes of the 12th instant, was again read, and directions were given for preparing an answer thereunto.

Copy of her Majesty's order for granting lands in the French part of St. Christopher's, dated the 30th of November, 1705, as also a copy of the confirmation of Mr. Bowden's grant of lands in St. Christopher's, dated the 14th of August, 1707 [fo. 432, 437], were read, and directions given for preparing an answer to Mr. Harley's letter of the 15th of the last month, upon the petition of Colonel Lambert, praying for the confirmation of a grant of land in the French part of St. Christopher's.

The draught of a letter to the Lord Archibald Hamilton, Governor of Jamaica, in answer to his of the 17th of July last,

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St. Christopher's.
*Mr. Thurston and
Mr. Perry.
Colonel Lambert's
petition about grant
of lands.*

Proof.

**New England.
Nova Scotia.**
*Letter to the
Secretarys of the
Treasury. Bills
drawn by Colonel
Vetch.*

**Nevis.
St. Christopher's.**
*Mr. Campbell and
Duport. List of
the sufferers by the
French invasion, and
form of a certificate
relating to their re-
settlements.
Mr. Attorney and
Solicitor General to
attend thereupon.*

*Draught of a de-
benture.*

Maryland.
*Mr. Corbet's petition.
for half salary.*

St. Christopher's.
*Papers relating to
grant of lands there.*

Letter to Mr. Harley.

Jamaica.
*Letter to Lord
Archibald Hamilton.*

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Barbadoes.
Letter to Mr.
Lowther.

Plantations General.
Circular letter to the
Governors. Number
of inhabitants.
Revenue.

New England.
Letter from Mr.
Bridger.

Letter from Mr.
Addington.

Nevis.
St. Christopher's.
Letter from the
Attorney and
Solicitor General
about their
attendance.
French invasion.

Ireland.
Order of Council.
Clause of a Bill about
tillage.
Premiums.
Mr. Wogan and corn
merchants summons.

St. Christopher's.
Letter to the
Secretaries of the
Treasury on
Colonel Lambert's
petition.
Grants.

Virginia.
Letter from the
Earl of Dartmouth
about persons
brought over for
a rebellion in
North Carolina.

[fo. 431] mentioned in the minutes of the 12th instant, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes [fo. 430], in answer to his of the 24th of June last, was agreed, and order'd to be transcribed.

The draught of a circular letter to all the Governors in America, relating to their transmitting accounts of the number of inhabitants, accounts of the revenue and other matters required of them by their instructions [fo. 447], was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed; and that the said circular letter be added to the two abovementioned.

Letter from Mr. Bridger, dated the 23rd of July, 1711, relating to the Palatines being gone on the expedition against Quebec; to his being made Lieutenant Governor of New Hampshire; and to an omission of a word in his commission of surveyor of the woods &c., was read.

A letter from Mr. Addington, secretary of the Massachusetts Bay, dated the 25th of July, 1711, transmitting several proclamations and other printed papers relating to the expedition against Quebec, was read.

September 25. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Moore.

A letter from Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Solicitor General, of the 22nd instant, acquainting their lordships that they would attend them on Thursday morning next [fo. 433, 441], was read; whereupon ordered that they be desired to defer their coming to the Board until Wednesday, Thursday or Fryday next week.

An Order of Council, of the 20th instant, referring to their lordships a clause in a Bill lately transmitted from Ireland, entitled *An Act for the encouragement of tillage*, which clause relates to premiums to be allowed on the exportation of corn, were read. Whereupon ordered that Mr. Wogan, with such other persons as can give their lordships any information in that matter, have notice to attend their lordships to-morrow morning, and that they do bring with them the Acts mentioned in the aforesaid clause; and further ordered that Mr. Thompson, with any other gentlemen concerned in the corn trade, have notice to attend at the same time.

The draught of a letter to the Secretaries of the Treasury, on the petition of Colonel Lambert, mentioned in the minutes of the 13th instant [fo. 434], praying for a confirmation and grant of land in the French part of St. Christopher's, was agreed, and ordered to be sent.

September 26. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Moore.

A letter from the Earl of Dartmouth, of the 25th instant, relating to five persons being brought prisoners from Virginia by Captain Teate, commander of her Majesty's ship the *Reserve*, for having raised a rebellion in North Carolina, &c., and desiring this Board

to communicate to his lordship what accounts they may have received of that matter, particularly in relation to the evidence produced against the said persons, was read, and the secretary laid before their lordships a letter from Colonel Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, dated the 25th of July last; paragraph Q of which letter, giving an account of the said rebellion, was also read, as likewise the papers referr'd to therein, relating to the same. Whereupon a letter to the Earl of Dartmouth, inclosing an extract of Colonel Spotswood's letter and copies of the said papers, was signed.

A letter from Mr. George Tilson, of 25th instant, inclosing a letter from Mr. Free to Mr. Wych, her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary at Hamburgh [fo. 429] relating to the ship's loading of herrings (mentioned in the minutes of the 12th instant) lately arrived at Hamburgh from Scotland, was read. Whereupon order'd that a copy of Mr. Free's letter be sent to the Lord Provost of Edinburgh for his information.

Mr. Thompson, Mr. Merret and another corn merchant attending, as they had been desired yesterday, that clause, of the Bill lately transmitted from Ireland, entituled *An Act for the encouragement of tillage* [fo. 436, 441], which relates to premiums on the exportation of corn from that kingdom, was read to them; whereupon they said that, if that Bill was past into a law with that clause in it, the same would be very prejudicial to the corn trade of this kingdom; for Ireland lying so much more commodious and nearer than this kingdom do's for all the southern trade, their freight is considerably less than what we pay here; so that if besides that advantage they have the benefit of a premium upon exportation, they will be thereby enabled to undersell us in all foreign markets. These gentlemen being then desired to put what they had to offer in writing, they promised to do the same accordingly, and bring it to the office to-morrow morning.

Ordered that Mr. Wogan and such other gentlemen as may concern themselves in behalf of the foresaid Bill, have notice to attend the Board on Fryday morning next.

September 28. Present:—Lord Bishop of London, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Moore.

A petition in the behalf of Mr. Alexander Skeen, secretary of Barbadoes, to her Majesty, praying that he may be appointed a member of the Council of that island, in the room of Mr. Lillington, deceased [fo. 441] having been communicated to the Board by Mr. Lewis of the Lord Dartmouth's office, was read, and the said Skeen's name was ordered to be put among the names of persons recommended to be of the Council.

Mr. Crow, late Governor of Barbadoes, attending, acquainted their lordships that he intended to present a petition to her Majesty in behalf of Mr. Aynsworth, praying that he may be one of the Council of Barbadoes, in the room of the foremention'd Mr. Lillington. Whereupon he was acquainted that when her

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*Letter from
Colonel Spotswood
relating thereto.*

Answer.

Trade.

*Letter from Mr.
Tilson with one from
Mr. Free to Mr.
Wych about herrings
ill cured arrived at
Hamburgh.
Copy thereof sent the
Lord Provost of
Edenburgh.*

Ireland.

*Merchants' opinion
on the clause of a Bill
about tillage, which
relates to premiums
on the exportation of
corn.*

*Their objections to be
transcribed.*

*Mr. Wogan
summond thereupon.*

Barbadoes.

*Petition of Mr. Skeen
praying to be one of
the Council.*

*Mr. Crow in behalf
of Mr. Aynsworth to
be of the Council.*

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Ireland.

*Memoriall from the
corn merchants
against the tillage Bill.
The said Bill
agreed to.*

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St. Christopher's.
*Attorney and Solicitor
General promise to
attend, &c.*

Majesty should please to referr that matter to them, they would take the same into consideration.

A memorial from the corn merchants at Bear Key, containing their reasons against the Bill *for encouraging tillage in Ireland* [fo. 438], mentioned in the minutes at the last meeting, was read; and their lordships being acquainted that the said Bill had been agreed to by the Lords of the Committee on Thursday last, ordered that the draught of the report upon that matter be laid by.

A letter from Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor General, of the 27th instant, acquainting their lordships that they will attend them on Thursday morning, the 4th of October next [fo. 436], in relation to the sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's, was read.

October 11. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

Barbadoes.

*Reference from the
Earl of Dartmouth
about a new
counsellor.*

A reference from the Earl of Dartmouth, of the 28th of the last month, upon the petition of Mr. Alexander Skeen, secretary of Barbadoes, to her Majesty [fo. 440, 445], praying to be a member of her Majesty's Council in the said island, in the room of Mr. Lillington, deceas'd, was read; and Mr. Tryon attending at the same time, and desiring to be heard in case any objections should be made against the said Skeen's being appointed a member of the said Council, he was acquainted that he should have notice accordingly. And he being withdrawn, their lordships order'd that Mr. Skeen's name be put upon the list of persons recommended to be of the Council of Barbadoes.

Virginia.**Maryland.**

*Merchants' petition
about hardships and
grievances.*

A letter from Mr. Harley, referring to the Board, by order of the Lord High Treasurer, a petition to his lordship from the Virginia and Maryland merchants, complaining of hardships and grievances laid on them, by an order of the Commissioners of her Majesty's Customs, in respect to their trade, was read; and the draught of a letter, containing their lordships' opinion upon the said petition, was agreed, and order'd to be sent.

October 23. Present:—Earl of Winchelsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie.

Plantations General.

*Letter from the
Earl of Dartmouth.
Admiralty juris-
diction.*

A letter from the Earl of Dartmouth, of the 15th instant, desiring to know by what powers and authorities the Admiralty jurisdiction is now exercised in the plantations [fo. 444] was read, and directions given for preparing the draught of an answer thereunto.

North Carolina.

*Order of Council
approving Mr. Hyde
to be Governor.
Security to be given.
Letter to the
Treasury thereupon.*

An Order of Council, of the 30th of July last, upon a representation of the 12th ditto, approving Mr. Hyde for Governor of North Carolina [fo. 405], and directing this Board to take care that security of 1,000*l.* be given, as is proposed by the said representation, was read; and a letter to the Secretaries of the Treasury, inclosing the draught of a bond for that purpose, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

Jamaica.

*Order of Council
on a complaint of
Simpson and Gandy,
&c.*

An Order of Council, of the 17th of the last month [P. fo. 24], referring to their lordships a petition of Thomas Simpson and Mrs. Gandy to her Majesty [fo. 448], praying to be relieved from an unjust prosecution by the collector of Jamaica for money pretended

to be issued from him to fit out two sloops, to cruize for the security of the said islands, &c., was read. Whereupon ordered that, when the agent concerned for the petitioners shall call at the office, he have notice to bring with him what proofs they have to make good the allegations in the said petition.

October 25. Present :—Earl of Winchelsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

The draught of a letter to the Earl of Dartmouth, in answer to his lordship's of the 15th instant [*fo.* 443, 447], desiring to know by what authorities the Admiralty jurisdiction is exercised in the Plantations, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

Colonel Sharp, who is lately arrived from Barbadoes, attending, he acquainted their lordships that he was ready to give them any accounts of that island which they shou'd think proper to require from him; and their lordships desiring to know the character of Mr. Skeen, who had been proposed to be a member of the Council of that island, he gave the said Mr. Skeen a very good character [*fo.* 441].

Mr. Duport, Mr. Campbell and Colonel Jory attending, in relation to the sufferers on the islands of St. Christopher's and Nevis, as also to the resettlements made there [*fo.* 433], they were acquainted that, so soon as their lordships shall have received the opinion of her Majesty's Attorney and Solicitor General upon that matter, they should have notice thereof. And these gentlemen being withdrawn, ordered that a copy of the clause in the Act of Parliament past the last session, relating to the debentures to be issued, &c., be sent to Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor General [*fo.* 446] with the following queries for their opinion thereupon, vizt. :

1. What shall be deemed a resettlement.
2. What will be proof of such resettlements.
3. Whether the inhabitants, vizt., merchants, shop keepers, &c., who had no plantations, and whose losses are incerted in the returns made by the Commissioners appointed to state the same, are to be reliev'd by the aforesaid clause.

Mr. Pen attending, in relation to an address from the minister, &c., of St. Mary's church in New Jersey, about an Act past in Pennsylvania, constituting a new form of protestation, repugnant to the affirmation enjoined by Act of Parliament, their lordships appointed Tuesday morning next to consider that matter, and ordered that the Bishop of London be acquainted therewith, and that his lordship be desired to be present at the same time.

October 26. Present :—Earl of Winchelsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie.

A letter to Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor General, relating to the debentures to be issued to the sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's [*fo.* 445, P. *fo.* 29], desiring their opinion upon the queries mentioned in yesterday's minutes, was agreed, and ordered to be sent.

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The agent for those persons to bring proofs.

Plantations General.
Admiralty jurisdiction.

Barbadoes.
Colonel Sharp.

He gives a good character of Mr. Skeen.

Nevis.
St. Christopher's.
Merchants about re-settlements.

Copy of the clause in the Act about debentures, &c., and queries sent to the Attorney and Solicitor General.

New Jersey.
Pensylvania.
Mr. Penn about an address against an Act past in his Government.
Letter to the Bishop of London thereupon.

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St. Christopher's.
Letter to Mr. Attorney and Solicitor General about re-settlements.

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Plantations General.

*Letter to the
Lord Dartmouth.
Admiralty juris-
diction.*

*Circular letters to the
Governors.*

St. Christopher's.

*Reference from the
Treasury about grant
of land.*

Answer.

A letter to the Earl of Dartmouth, relating to the jurisdiction of the Admiralty in the plantations [fo. 444], agreed yesterday, was signed.

Circular letters to all the Governors, requiring answers to several clauses in their instructions mentioned in the minutes of the 20th last month [fo. 435], were signed.

Reference from the Lord High Treasurer upon the petition of Mr. South, in behalf of Mr. Lyddel and Mr. Clayton of the island of St. Christopher's [fo. 449], praying her Majesty to confirm a grant made to them by the late Colonel Parke of two plantations in the French part of the said island, was read, and directions given for preparing an answer to the said reference.

October 30. Present :—Earl of Winchelsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

Jamaica.
*Major General
Handasyd about
Simpson and Gandy's
complaint against
the collector of
Jamaica.*

Major General Handasyd, late Governor of Jamaica, attending, he acquainted their lordships that he was ready to give them any accounts in relation to that island, which they should think proper to require from him; whereupon the Order of Council, of the 17th of the last month, referring to the Board a petition of Thomas Simpson and Mrs. Gandy [fo. 444], praying to be relieved from an unjust prosecution by the collector of the said island for money, &c. (mentioned in the minutes of the 23rd of the same month), was communicated to him; and he being asked what he knew concerning the said prosecution, he said that Mr. Chaplin and the other persons concern'd in that matter had all been examin'd upon the same in Council and Assembly, in the minutes whereof their lordships would find a full account of the proceedings upon that head, and that he beleived the said collector perfectly innocent of what is imputed him.

Barbadoes.
*Mr. Beresford
promising a state of
that island.*

Mr. Beresford, one of the members of the Council of Barbadoes, being lately come from that island, attending, he acquainted their lordships that he was come from thence for the recovery of his health, and that he was ready to give their lordships an account of the state of that island.

St. Christopher's.
*Letter to Lord
Treasurer on the
petition of Lyddel
and Clayton.
Grants.*

A letter to the Lord High Treasurer, upon the petition in behalf of George Lyddel and Robert Clayton of the island of St. Christopher's [fo. 447], praying her Majesty's grant of two plantations in the French part of St. Christopher's, made to them by the late Colonel Parke, was signed.

Jamaica.
*Letter from the
Governor.
Another.*

A letter from the Lord Archibald Hamilton, Governor of Jamaica, dated the 15th of August, 1711, was read.

Another letter from his lordship, dated the 29th of August, 1711, was also read, and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

Papers referr'd to.

Minutes of Council in Assembly of Jamaica, from the 17th April, 1711, to the 8th of June following.

Minutes of the Assembly of Jamaica, from the 17th April, 1711, to the 8th of June following.

Minutes of Council and Assembly of Jamaica, from the 23rd July, 1711, to the 7th August following.

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Minutes of the Assembly of Jamaica, from the 23rd July, 1711, to the 7th of August following.

Account of her Majesty's revenue in Jamaica, from the 25th March, 1710, to the 25th March, 1711.

Four Acts past at Jamaica in July, 1711, by the Lord Hamilton.

Several Acts past in Jamaica the 17th of April, 1711, by Major General Handasyd.

Whereupon their lordships agreed to re-examine paragraphs C, E and G of the last of the said letters at a convenient opportunity.

A letter from Major Douglas, Governor of the Leeward Islands, to Mr. Monckton, dated the 20th of July, 1711, was read.

Leeward Islands.
Letter from the Governor to Mr. Monckton.

October 31. Present :—Earl of Winchelsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie.

The secretary laid before their lordships two private Acts of Barbadoes, as follows, vizt. :

Barbadoes.
Two private Acts

An Act to render more effectual certain legacies given and bequeathed by Captain William, deceased, to the parish of Christ Church within this island, past the 21st of March, 1709.

An Act to dock the intaile of certain lands in the parish of St. Philip, and of several negro slaves, and to vest the same in Benjamin Chapman, planter, in fee simple, passed the 11th of December, 1710.

Whereupon ordered that both the said Acts be sent to Mr. Attorney General, for his opinion thereupon in point of law.

sent to Mr. Attorney General.

A letter from Colonel Hunter, Governor of New York, dated the 12th of September, 1711 [P. fo. 5] was read, and the papers therein refer'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

New York.
Letter from the Governor.

Account of the effective number of Palatines subsisted at New York, from the 2nd November, 1710, to the 24th June, 1711.

Papers therein refer'd to.

Propositions of the five nations and river Indians to his Excellency Robert Hunter, esquire, Captain General and Governor in Chief in Albany, from the 17th to the 28th of August, 1711, relating to the expedition against Quebec.

Copy of more propositions made by the said five nations.

Minutes of the Council of New York, from the 16th June, 1711, to the 3rd September following.

Minutes of the Assembly of New York, from the 2nd July, 1711, to the 4th August following.

Printed collections of laws past in New York from 1699 to 1711.

Acts past at New York the 26th July and 4th August, 1711.

Minutes of Council of New Jersey, from the 6th July, 1711, to the 16th following.

Minutes of the Assembly of New Jersey, from the 6th of July, 1711, to the 16th following.

Two Acts past in New Jersey the 16th July, 1711.

And their lordships agreed to reconsider the said letter and papers, as also those formerly transmitted by him, at a convenient opportunity.

New York.
The letter and papers to be reconsider'd.

Journal of the proceedings of Her Majesty's Commissioners for promoting the trade of this Kingdom, and for inspecting and improving her plantations in America and elsewhere, from the first of November, 1711, to the thirteenth August, 1713.

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Jamaica.

Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth about a new counsellor.

Answer.

Trade.

Letter from Mr. Tilson for a Treaty of Commerce with Sweden, &c.

The following papers sent him.

November 1. Present :—Earl of Winchelsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A letter from the Earl of Dartmouth [*fo.* 4], desiring to know if their lordships have any objection to Mr. Hugh Totterdale's being appointed a member of the Council of Jamaica upon the first vacancy that shal happen therein, was read, and directions given for preparing an answer thereto.

A letter from Mr. George Tilson, of the 31st of the last month, by order of Mr. Secretary St. John, desiring a copy of the project of a Treaty of Commerce with Sweden, as also of other papers relating to the trade to the Baltick, to be sent to Mr. Whitworth, in order to a forming of a Treaty of Commerce with the Muscovites, was read ; whereupon order'd that copies of the said papers be made, which are as follows :

Project of a Marine Convention between England and Sweden [*Trade B. fo.* 391].

Representation upon the said Convention [*Ibid. fo.* 398, 402, 405, 406], May the 8th, 1702.

Representation upon a memorial from several Swedish merchants [*Trade F. fo.* 79], relating to passes for ships trading into the Baltic, February 17th, 170³/₁₆.

Supplemental representation [*Ibid.* 188], relating to the hardships which the British trade in Sweden lyes under, June 13th, 1710.

Letter to the Duke of Queensberry, in answer to his Grace's letter of 22nd July, relating to Danish certificates for British ships passing through the Sound, August the 10th.

Memorial from the Governor and Company of Merchants trading to Muscovy, relating to the opening a trade to Riga, Revel, &c., in the dominions of the Czar, December 8th.

Letter to the Duke of Queensberry upon the said memorial, January 3rd, 171⁰/₁₁.

Another letter to the Duke of Queensberry upon the same subject, 22nd do.

Memorial from Sir Benjamin Ayloff, Governor of the Muscovia Company, in answer to a letter writ him the 6th instant, relating to that trade, &c., March 19th, 171⁰/₁₁.

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Memorial from Mr. Philp, Deputy Governor of the Eastland Company, with their opinion upon a proposal of a trade with the Venetians in the Sound, and relating to the trade with Livonia, &c., April 20th, 1711.

Letter to the Duke of Queensberry upon the new regulation for Danish privateers, June 20th.

Letter to Mr. Secretary St. John relating to certificates for British ships passing through the Sound, July 11th.

A reference from the Earl of Dartmouth, upon the petition of Captain John Evans, praying to be restored to a tract of land that he purchased at New York of Colonel Fletcher, late Governor of that province, which land has been since taken from him, and given to some of the Palatines there, &c., was read; whereupon ordered Mr. Weston, agent for the petitioner, have notice to attend their lordships on Wednesday morning next, and that he do bring along with him what proofs he may have to make good the allegations in the said petition.

A letter from Colonel Vetch, Governor of Annapolis Royal, in Nova Scotia, to the secretary, dated the 15th June, 1711, relating to the product of that country, &c., was read.

Their lordships then took into consideration the letter from Colonel Hunter of the 28th November, 1710, together with the several papers referr'd to therein, and gave directions for preparing the draught of an answer thereunto; and ordered that Mr. Richier, Mr. Dockwra, and other gentlemen concern'd in New Jersey, have notice to attend their lordships on Wednesday morning next.

Then their lordships agreed to take into consideration the draught of a representation upon the general state of the trade of this kingdom on Thursday next, and order'd [fo. 7, 130] that letters be writ to Mr. Robert Ball and Sir Edward Gold, for a state of the Italian trade, and to Mr. Robert Vansitart for a state of the trade to Poland, and that they be desired to let their lordships have the same, if possible, some day next week.

November 2. Present:—Earl of Winchelsea, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A letter to the Earl of Dartmouth [fo. 1], in answer to one from his lordship, relating to Mr. Hugh Totterdel's being appointed a member of the Council of Jamaica upon the first vacancy that shall happen in the same, mentioned in yesterday's minutes, was signed.

A memorial from Mr. William Johnstone, on behalf of Mr. Aynsworth, desiring that he may be recommended to her Majesty to be a member of the Council of Barbadoes, in the room of Mr. George Lillington, deceased, was read; and their lordships then taking into consideration the list of persons recommended to be of the Council of Barbadoes, ordered [fo. 8] that Mr. Sharp have notice to attend the Board on Wednesday morning next, in order to inquire of him the characters of the said persons.

A letter from Mr. Bridger, Surveyor General of her Majesty's woods on the Continent of America, dated at Piscataqua the 31st

New York.
*Reference from the
Earl of Dartmouth
on the petition of
Capt. Evans.*

His agent summon'd.

New England.
Nova Scotia.
*Letter from Col.
Vetch.*

New York.
*Col. Hunter's letter
and papers
reconsider'd.
Answer to be
prepared.*
*New Jersey gentle-
men summon'd.*

Trade.
*Representation on
the general state of
trade to be considered.*

Jamaica.
*Letter to the
Earl of Dartmouth
about a
new counsellor.*

Barbadoes.
*Memorial about a
new counsellor.*

New England.
*Letter from Mr.
Bridger about method
of making tar.*

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New York.
Letter from Col.
Hunter.

*Extract about invalids
to be sent to Mr.
Granville.
Representation to be
drawn about
Assemblies refusing
to raise money.
What relates to the
Palatines to be sent to
the Lord Treasurer.*

Miscellanies.
New York.
Letter to Mr.
Whitworth about
method of making
tar.

Trade.
Italian trade.

New York.
Letter to Mr.
Granville about
invalides.

*Captain Evans about
land taken from him.*

*His affidavit touching
the purchase.*

Barbadoes.
*Characters of coun-
sellors to fill up
vacancies.*

of August, giving an account of the method used in the making of tar ; of the waste made in the woods ; and of his being loading (*sic*) a ship with masts for Jamaica, was read ; and directions were given [*fo. 16*] for preparing an answer thereunto.

The letter from Colonel Hunter, of the 12th of September, 1711 [*O. fo. 451*], mentioned in the minutes of the 31st of the last month, was again read ; whereupon ordered [*fo. 7*] that paragraph D of the said letter, relating to Colonel Hunter's proposal touching the invalides at New York, be sent to Mr. Granville, Secretary at War, for her Majesty's pleasure thereupon : that the draught of a representation be prepared [*fo. 16*] for laying before her Majesty what he writes in paragraph H of the said letter, concerning the proceedings of the late as well as the new Assembly of that province, in refusing to raise money for the support of the government there ; and that paragraph K of the same letter, giving an account of the progress the Palatines have made in preparing trees for tar [*fo. 15*], and of Mr. Bridger's refusing to attend that service, &c., be sent to the Lord High Treasurer for his lordship's information.

Then their lordships ordered that the draught of a letter be prepared to Mr. Whitworth, her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary to the Czar of Muscovy [*fo. 13, 16*], for an account of the method used in the making of tar in the Czar's dominions.

November 7. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monekton, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A letter from Sir Edward Gold, in answer to one writ him the 2nd instant [*fo. 4, 50*] signifying that he will consult with the Italian merchants, and then bring their lordships an account of the state of that trade, as soon as possible may be, was read.

A letter to Mr. Granville, Secretary at War, inclosing paragraph D of Colonel Hunter's letter of the 12th of September [*fo. 6, 64*], relating to invalids at New York, was signed.

Captain Evans with Mr. Weston, his solicitor, attending [*fo. 3*], his petition praying to be restored to a tract of land granted to him by Colonel Fletcher when Governor of New York, which has been taken from him by an Act of that province (mentioned in the minutes of the 1st instant), was again read. And he being asked what proofs he had to make good the allegations in the said petition, he produced to their lordships his affidavit, sworn this day before a Master in Chancery, relating to the purchase money paid by him for the said land, and to the improvements he had made thereon, which was read. Then Mr. Weston was ordered to leave at the office what other proofs they might have in relation to that matter, which he promised to do accordingly.

Colonel Sharpe attending, as he had been desired [*fo. 5*], and being asked the characters of the persons recommended to fill up the vacancies that may happen in the Council of Barbadoes, he accordingly gave their lordships their characters, and acquainted their lordships that, if they thought fit to inquire of Mr. Beresford and Colonel Cleland, who are lately come from that island, they were able to give their lordships full information in that matter ;

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and being asked whether he could recommend any persons fit to be of that Council, he said that Dudley Woodbridge, Judge of the Admiralty, and Colonel Peirce, who had both of them good estates, were persons every way well qualify'd, as was also Mr. — Beckles, who was a man of good parts, but had no great estate.

Mr. Dockminic, Mr. Richier, and several other proprietors of New Jersey, attending [O. fo. 398], and being asked several questions in relation to the proceedings of the Council and Assembly of that province, they said that they had received letters, signifying that five of the Council of that province had obstructed the publick business there, and that, unless those men were removed from the Council, and Mr. Bass the secretary of the province recalled, they fear'd that province would be ruined; and they presented to their lordships a memorial [fo. 164], referring to former memorials given in to that purpose, and they added in discourse, that there were several articles which had been promised to them as terms upon which they offered to surrender their right of government; but that those articles had not been perform'd, particularly that New Jersey should not be under the same Governor as New York, and that, if her Majesty would be pleased to send a separate Governor, they did not doubt but the Assembly would settle 1,000*l.* a year upon him.

Mr. Dockwra attending also upon the same subject, and being asked several questions to the same purpose as the other gentlemen abovementioned, he referr'd himself to his letter of the 13th July last, with the papers there inclosed, which were laid before the Board [fo. 22], and he acquainted their lordships that he had several other papers, which with a schedule he would lay before their lordships.

A letter from Mr. Secretary St. John, of the 6th instant [fo. 11], referring to their lordships several extracts of letters from Mr. Pulteney, her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary in Denmark, relating to the proceedings of the Court of Admiralty there, in condemning several ships belonging to her Majesty's subjects, together with the said extracts, were read; and thereupon ordered that inquiry be made, whether there be any of the persons here concerned in the said ships, and in such case that they have notice to attend the Board to-morrow morning; and further ordered that a copy of Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor General's report, mentioned in the extract of one of Mr. Pulteney's foresaid letters, be got.

November 8. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

The account of incident charges of this office, from Midsummer, 1711, to Michaelmas following, were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt.:

The secretary's account of petty expences, from Midsummer, 1711, to Michaelmas following, amounting to	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
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The stationer's account for the same time, amounting to	43	2	6
The post officer's account for the same time, amounting to	70	19	1
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New Jersey.
Proprietors about proceedings of Council and Assembly.

New Jersey.
Mr. Dockwra on the same subject.

Trade.
Letter from Mr. Secretary St. John about proceedings of the Admiralty Court in Denmark.

Enquiry to be made for persons concern'd in ships condemn'd.

Copy of Mr. Attorney &c. report to be got about the said ships.

Miscellanies.
Incidents
for one quarter ending at Michaelmas.

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*Letter to Lord
Treasurer thereupon.*

*Leeward Islands.
Letter from the
Governor.*

*Trade.
Proceedings of the
Admiralty Court
in Denmark.*

*Merchants concern'd
in the ships con-
demn'd.*

And a letter to the Lord High Treasurer, to desire the payment thereof, as also of the salaries due to this office, was signed.

A letter from Major Douglas, Governor of the Leeward Islands, without date, was read, and their lordships agreed to take into consideration what he writes in paragraph D of the said letter, relating to the 69th article of his instructions.

Their lordships then taking into consideration the letter from Mr. Secretary St. John, read yesterday [*fo.* 10, 14], relating to the proceedings of the Court of Admiralty in Denmark, touching the condemnation of several ships belonging to her Majesty's subjects there, the copy of Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor General's report upon the petition of the said merchants concerned in the said ships, mentioned in yesterday's minutes, was read; and Mr. Joy with several Swedish merchants attending, the extracts of Mr. Pulteney's letters read yesterday were communicated to them; and they being asked what they had to offer thereupon, Mr. Joy said that the ship *Richard and Joseph* in which he and Mr. Behrens were concerned, was a British ship built at Ipswich, and freighted here, and sent to Stockholm with a certificate from the Lord Mayor, where she was loaden with pitch and tar, and some iron, on the sole account of the said Joy and other her Majesty's subjects; and he communicated to their lordships the copy of an affidavit to that purpose; that in the said ship's return homeward, she was taken by the Danes, and condemned in their Admiralty Court for not having her Majesty's pass, though several other British ships without such a pass (having a proper certificate) have been suffered to go and return without impediment, particularly one that went out with the said *Richard and Joseph*, and is now arrived at Harwich.

Mr. Brander said that he and Jonas Alberg were owners of the ship *Concordia*, Norway built, and taken by the Swedes, and by them sold to the factor of the said Brander and Alberg, and loaden with timber and iron on their's and other her Majesty's subjects' sole account.

That the ship *Angel and Jacob* is also a Danish built ship, taken by the Swedes and sold to the agents of Mr. Charles Keen, of Lynn, and loaden at Gottenburgh with iron and deals for the said Keen's account.

That these two last mentioned ships were seized for not having been in a free port since they were bought.

Then their lordships enquired of Mr. Joy, the other gentlemen being withdrawn, whether he could give their lordships information of the method of making tar in the East country [*fo.* 6]; whereupon he said that he had never been among the tar makers, and that he had only heard in general that the trees were prepared by barking them about two yards high from the ground, and then after they had stood some while (the particular time he knew not) they were cut down and burnt; and inform'd their lordships that he would speak to Mr. Milford, a gentleman who had lived there, and get him to put in writing what he knew of that matter, and then lay it before their lordships; and he added that the Finland tar, which is the best, is much cheaper than any other, the price of it there being about 4s. a barril, which are also much better than any other tar

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Method of making
tarr.*

*Account thereof
promised.*

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barrils; and therefore till other tar, either from the plantations or elsewhere, can be made as good as that of Finland, and as cheap, that tar would have the preference in all markets.

Mr. Joy being withdrawn [*fo. 11, vide infra*], their lordships gave directions for preparing a representation upon Mr. Secretary St. John's foresaid letter.

Trade.
Representation to be drawn about ships condemn'd in Denmark.

November 9. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A representation relating to the condemnation of several British ships in Denmark [*vide supra*], as directed in yesterday's minutes, together with a letter to Mr. Secretary St. John, inclosing the same, were signed.

Trade.
Representation about ships condemn'd in Denmark.

Mr. Everenden presented to their lordships a certificate, relating to the losses sustained by his son at St. Christopher's, when the French invaded that island; and Mr. John Lewis Peuch, lately come from St. Christopher's, attending at the same time, acquainted their lordships that Mr. John Everenden was then upon the island, and settled upon a plantation there, but not the same he had before the French plunder'd it.

St. Christopher's.
Mr. Everenden's certificate about losses.

November 13. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Gwynn.

Mr. Hodges, Attorney General at Barbados, being lately come from thence, attending [*fo. 17*], he acquainted their lordships that he had obtain'd her Majesty's leave to be six months absent from that island, for the recovery of his health and settlement of his affairs, and that he had thoughts of returning by the fleet; but, as the time mentioned in his licence will expire before the fleet sail, he did intend to apply to her Majesty for a longer time.

Barbadoes.
Mr. Hodges, the Attorney General, at the Board. Has leave to stay 6 months.

A letter to the Lord High Treasurer [*fo. 6*], upon what Colonel Hunter writes in relation to the Palatines preparing trees for tar, &c., directed the 2nd instant, was signed.

New York.
Letter to the Lord High Treasurer. Palatines. Tar. Letter to Col. Hunter.

A letter to Colonel Hunter, Governor of New York, in answer to his last letters mentioned in the minutes of the 2nd instant, was signed.

New York.
Representation upon Colonel Hunter's letters about revenue.

A representation upon what Colonel Hunter writes [*fo. 6*], relating to the proceedings of the Assembly of New York, in refusing to raise money for the support of that government, directed the 2nd instant, was signed.

A letter to Mr. Whitworth, her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary to the Czar of Muscovy [*fo. 6, 107*], relating to the method of making tar in the Czar's dominions, directed the 2nd instant, was signed.

New York.
Miscellanies. Letter to Mr. Whitworth about tar.

A letter from the secretary to Mr. Bridger [*fo. 5*], Surveyor General of her Majesty's woods in America, also directed the 2nd instant, was agreed, and ordered to be sent.

New England.
Letter to Mr. Bridger.

Copy of an Order of Council, of the 27th February, 1708, upon a representation of the 18th ditto, relating to Mr. Skeen, secretary of Barbadoes, was read.

Barbadoes.
Copy of an Order of Council. Skeen restored.

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Barbadoes.

Memorial from Mr. Slingsby to be Attorney General. His agent acquainted with Mr. Hodges's design to return.

November 15. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

A memorial from Mr. Arthur Slingsby, praying that he may be appointed Attorney General of Barbadoes, in the room of Mr. Thomas Hodges, lately come from that island [*fo.* 15, 45], was read ; and Mr. Tilden, agent for the said Slingsby, attending, he was acquainted that Mr. Hodges, having obtained her Majesty's leave to be absent for six months from that island, for the recovery of his health, had acquainted their lordships that he does design to return thither again at the expiration of that time, or soon after.

Letter from Mr. Tryon, praying a report in favour of Mr. Skeen to be of the Council.

A letter from Mr. Rowland Tryon, excusing his not waiting on their lordships, he being indisposed, and praying their lordships will be pleased to make their report to her Majesty for Mr. Skeen to be a member of the Council of Barbadoes, was read.

Barbadoes.

Letter from the Governor.

A letter from Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, dated the 16th of July last, was read, and the papers referr'd to therein were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

Papers referr'd to.

Minutes of the Assembly of Barbadoes, of the tenth of July, 1711.

Minutes of the Council of Barbadoes, from the 23rd June, 1711, to the 11th July following.

Another letter from him.

Another letter from him, dated the 20th of August, 1711, was also read, and the papers therein referr'd [to] were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

Papers therein referr'd to.

List of ships taken by the Martinico privateers [*fo.* 30], from July, 1710, to May, 1711.

Minutes of the Assembly of Barbadoes, from the 10th of July, 1711, to the 14th August following.

Minutes of Council, from the 23rd of June, 1711, to the 15th of August following.

An Act for giving further time for payment of the levy lately raised on the inhabitants of this island, pass'd the 21st of July, 1711.

An Act appointing an agent, and the payment of his salary, for transacting and negotiating the affairs of this island in Great Britain, pass'd 21st August, 1711.

An Act for the immediate support and subsistence of the several gunners and mattrasses employed in the several fortifications of this island, pass'd 21st August, 1711.

Abstract of the naval officer's list of ships enter'd and clear'd at Barbadoes, from the 25th of March, 1711, to the 24th of June following.

Naval officer's list of ships, from the 25th of March, 1711, to the 24th June following.

Answer to be prepared.

Whereupon their lordships gave directions for preparing an answer to the said letter.

November 16. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Gwyn.

Virginia.
Letter from the Governor.

Letter from Colonel Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, dated the 25th of July, 1711, was read ; and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

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Papers referr'd to.

Copy of letters from Colonel Spotswood to the President of the Council of Carolina, and to Colonel Cary about the commotions there.

Copy of a letter from the President and Council of North Carolina to Colonel Spotswood, &c. Dated the 29th June, 1711.

Copy of a letter to (*sic*) Colonel Spotswood to the Earl of Dartmouth, about a forgery that has been committed in Virginia, in relation to the *Robinson* frigate.

Proclamation for the due holding of Courts, for conveying criminals, &c., and for returning quit-rent rolls.

Copies of two Acts past in North Carolina, as also an address from the Assembly there to the Lords Proprietors of the same, relating to the said Government, &c.

The general account of her Majesty's revenue of quit-rents within Virginia.

Account of her Majesty's revenue of two shillings per hoggs-head, 15*d.* per ton, and 6*d.* per poll, arising in Virginia.

Minutes of Council of Virginia of 1702, 1705, and 1710, &c., relating to the manner of selling of quit-rents.

Minutes of Council of Virginia, from the 19th of March, 1710, to the 5th of July, 1711.

Whereupon ordered that the draught of a letter be prepared for laying before my Lord High Treasurer [*fo.* 22] what Colonel Spotswood writes in paragraph B of his said letter, relating to the method of selling the tobacco arising by quit-rents in that province; that paragraph K of the same letter, relating to the badness of the gunpowder there, and desiring a fresh supply, be sent to the Earl of Dartmouth [*fo.* 22] for her Majesty's pleasure thereupon; and their lordships agreed to reconsider what Colonel Spotswood writes in paragraph R of the said letter, touching the granting of land as prescribed by his instruction.

Mr. Dockwra attending [*fo.* 9], presented to their lordships several papers relating to the proceedings of the Council and Assembly of New Jersey, together with a schedule of the said papers, which their lordships agreed to take into consideration at a convenient opportunity.

Virginia.

Paragraphs B and K of the foregoing letter about method of selling tobacco and badness of gunpowder to be sent to Lord Treasurer and Earl of Dartmouth.

New Jersey.

Mr. Dockwra with papers relating to the proceedings of the Council and Assembly.

Virginia.

Letter to the Earl of Dartmouth about badness of gunpowder.

November 20. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Gwyn.

A letter to the Earl of Dartmouth [*fo.* 21, 34], upon what Colonel Spotswood writes in relation to the badness of the gunpowder in Virginia, and his desire of a fresh supply, directed the 16th instant, was signed.

A letter to the Lord High Treasurer [*fo.* 21] upon what Colonel Spotswood writes, touching the method of sale of the tobacco, payable to her Majesty for quit-rents, directed also the 16th instant, was signed.

A letter to Colonel Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia [*fo.* 24], was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

Their lordships again took into consideration the letter from the Lord Archibald Hamilton, Governor of Jamaica, dated the

Letter to Lord Treasurer about method of sale of tobacco, &c.

Letter to the Governor.

Jamaica.

The Governor's letter reconsider'd.

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29th of August, 1711 (and read the 30th of the last month) and gave directions [*fo.* 24] for preparing an answer thereto; and their lordships agreed to reconsider paragraphs C and G of the foresaid letter, relating to the Acts past about fees and quieting possessions, and ordered that the papers in this office, which relate to the said Acts, be laid before them.

November 22. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Gwyn.

Their lordships, agreeing to take into consideration the Act of Pennsylvania directing an affirmation to such who for conscience sake cannot take an oath [*O. fo.* 429] on Thursday morning next, ordered that the Lord Bishop of London be acquainted therewith, and desired to be at the Board at that time [*fo.* 33], and that Mr. Pen have notice to attend likewise.

A letter to the Lord Archibald Hamilton, Governor of Jamaica [*fo.* 23], directed the 20th instant, was signed.

A letter to Colonel Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, was also signed.

A letter to Colonel Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia [*fo.* 22], agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

Their lordships then took into consideration the Order of Council of the 17th of September last [*O. fo.* 443], read the 23rd of October following, upon the petition of Mr. Simpson and Mrs. Gandy, praying to be relieved from an unjust prosecution by the collector of Jamaica, for mony pretended to be issued from him to fit out two sloops to cruize for the security of the said island, &c., and read the said petition, as also the abstract of a letter from the said Simpson relating to that matter, and a memorial from Mr. Finch upon that subject [*fo.* 25]. Whereupon ordered that the said Act and other papers concerning the same be laid before their lordships to-morrow morning, and that the persons who appears in behalf of the said Finch have notice to lay before their lordships what vouchers they may have, to make good their allegations mentioned in the foresaid memorial.

November 23. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie.

A petition from several merchants, creditors of Thomas Finch of Jamaica [*fo.* 24, 26], praying that an Act past in that island, for vesting his estate in trustees for the payment of 3,800*l.* may not be confirmed, for the reasons contained in the said petition, was read; and Mr. Soames and some other of the said creditors attending, and being asked whether they had anything further to offer to what is contained in their petition, they said that they had not; and that they hoped their case would appear so just to their lordships, that they would present the said Act to her Majesty for her disallowance.

The copy of a bond entred into by Thomas Finch, Charles Gandy and Thomas Simpson, mentioned in a memorial from the

New Jersey.
Pennsylvania.
Act to be consider'd.

Bishop of London
and Mr. Penn sum-
mond.

Jamaica.
Letter to the
Governor.

Barbadoes.
Letter to the
Governor.

Virginia.
Letter to the
Governor.

Jamaica.
Order of Council on
petition of Simpson
and Gandy recon-
sider'd.

Abstract of a letter
from the said Simpson,
and memorial from
Mr. Finch relating
thereto.

Jamaica.
Petition from the
creditors of Thomas
Finch, praying an
Act vesting his estate
in trustees may not
be confirmed.

Bond enter'd into by
Finch, Gandy and
Simpson.

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said Finch read the 22nd instant (being received from Mr. Daniel, agent for the said Simpson and Gandy), was read.

Mr. Compere, who appears in behalf of the said Finch, attending, [*fo.* 25, 29] presented to their lordships the extract of a letter from him, the affidavit of Henry Coleman, the said Finch's council at Jamaica, and an affidavit of the said Finch, all relating to his case; he further presented to their lordships a copy of the note given by Finch to Charles Chaplin, collector at Jamaica, and the copies of the letters writ by Finch to two of the members of the Assembly there, all mentioned in the said Finch's memorial, which papers were read; and Mr. Compere being asked if he had anything further to offer upon that matter, he said that he had not.

He then desired that he might have the copy of an Act lately passed in Jamaica for quieting possessions, which was ordered him accordingly. He further desired that the accounts of the revenue of that island, that had been lately transmitted hither by Major General Handasyd and the Lord Archibald Hamilton, might be sent to Mr. Blathwayt; whereupon he was acquainted their lordships would consider of it.

Jamaica.
Mr. Compere in behalf of Mr. Finch with several papers relating to his case.

Copy of an Act for quieting possessions ordered Mr. Compere.

November 27. Present:—Earl of Winchelsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

A letter from Colonel Lambert, Lieutenant Governor of St. Christopher's, transmitting the following papers, was read:

Minutes of Council of St. Christopher's, from the 15th December, 1710, to the 1st August, 1711.

Number of the inhabitants, men, women and children, &c., in St. Christopher's, taken the 10th August, 1711.

Account of stores received the 16th August, 1707; as also an account of the expence of stores, to May, 1710.

Letter from Mr. Hamilton, Lieutenant General of the Leeward Islands, dated the 17th July, 1711 [*fo.* 29] relating to a dispute between him and the Lieutenant Governor of Antego, who alledges that Mr. Hamilton has no right to sit in any of the Councils of the Leeward Islands, but in that of Nevis only, was read, and direction given for preparing the draught of a report thereupon.

Another letter from Mr. Hamilton, dated the 28th July, 1711, transmitting the Acts passed at Antego, Nevis, and Mountserratt in January, March, April, May and June, 1711.

St. Christopher's.
Letter from the Lieut. Governor transmitting the following papers.

Leeward Islands.
Letter from the Lieut. General. Dispute between him and the Lieut. Governor of Antego about sitting in the Council.

Leeward Islands.
Another letter from him with several Acts.

November 28. Present:—Earl of Winchelsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

A letter from Mr. Lowndes, inclosing, by order of the Lord High Treasurer [*fo.* 38], some observations made by the Earl of Clarendon upon two letters from Colonel Hunter, Governor of New York, to the Lord Dartmouth, relating to the progress made by the Palatines there, was read; whereupon ordered that the papers in this office relating to the said Palatines be laid before their lordships.

New York.
Letter from Mr. Lowndes with the Earl of Clarendon's observations on Col. Hunter's letters about progress made by the Palatines.

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Nevis.

St. Christopher's.
Report from Mr.
Attorney and Solicitor
General relating to
the sufferers there.
Resettlements.

Leeward Islands.

Representation pro-
posing that Walter
Hamilton, esquire, be
admitted into all the
Councils.

Jamaica.

Major General Han-
dasyd in relation to
the passing the Act
for vesting the estate
of Tho. Finch, &c.

A report from Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Solicitor General, of the 20th instant, upon the secretary's letter of the 26th of the last month [O. fo. 446; fo. 32], relating to the sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's, and to resettlements there was read, and directions given for preparing the draught of a representation thereupon.

A representation (directed at the last meeting) proposing that Walter Hamilton, esquire, Lieutenant General of the Leeward Islands, be admitted into the Council of each respective island [fo. 27, 31], and that, in the absence of the Governor, he do preside there, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

Major General Handasyd attending, and being asked several questions in relation to the passing of the Act in Jamaica [fo. 26, 30] for vesting the estate real and personal of Thomas Finch, late of the parish of Kingston, esquire, in trustees, the better to enable his securities to pay the sum of 3,800*l.* due from the said Thomas Finch as Commissioner to the publick of this island; he said that the said Finch was Mr. Chaplin's deputy for Kingston; that he had received the money raised there as part of the 5,000*l.* given for the fitting out of two sloops for the defence of that island; that he never paid that money to the said Chaplin; that there were other receivers for other parts of the island, who in their respective districts received what was there raised as part of the said 5,000*l.*, and, as he believes, never paid the same to the said Chaplin, that the sloops were not fitted out the first year. That he did not know what private agreement or transactions there might be between Chaplin and Finch, and that he looked upon Chaplin to be a very honest man.

Jamaica.

Mr. Compere desiring
to be heard by counsel
touching the case of
Thomas Finch.

Mr. Compere attending, and acquainting their lordships that he should take it as a favour if their lordships would please to let him have a hearing by council in relation to the case of Mr. Finch abovementioned [fo. 29, 32] he was acquainted they would here (*sic*) what his council might have to offer thereupon on Monday morning next.

Barbadoes.

Mr. Heysham desiring
the Acts lately
transmitted may be
laid before the Queen
and he to have notice
thereof.

Mr. Heysham attending, acquainted their lordships that he had been desired by a Committee of the Council and Assembly of Barbadoes, to move their lordships that they would please to lay the Acts lately transmitted from thence before her Majesty [fo. 18]. He further desired that he might have notice, he being appointed by one of the said Acts agent of that island, of anything that might come before their lordships in relation to that island; which their lordships promised accordingly.

Mr. Lillington recom-
mended to supply his
father's place in the
Council.

Mr. Heysham's
character of several
gentlemen.

He then recommended to their lordships Mr. George Lillington, as a person fitly qualify'd to serve her Majesty in the Council of Barbadoes, in the room of his father, deceased; and being asked the characters of Mr. Samuel Maynard, Mr. Reynard Allen, Mr. Edmund Sutton, and Mr. Richard Worsham, formerly recommended to supply such vacancies as may happen in the said Council, he acquainted their lordships that they were honest gentlemen, and had very good estates.

November 29. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Gwyn.

A representation, relating to Mr. Walter Hamilton's being admitted into the respective Councils of the Leeward Islands [fo. 29, 62], agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

A letter from Colonel Spotswood, dated 15th October last [fo. 41], giving an account that the Tuscararo Indians having (*sic*) taken up arms and murdered a great many of her Majesty's subjects settled in North Carolina, was read; and a letter to the Earl of Dartmouth, inclosing a copy of that part of the said letter, was signed.

And Colonel Spotswood in his said letter informing their lordships that there are two vacancies in the Council of Virginia, and recommending Mr. William Basset and Mr. Fitzhughs, as persons fitly qualify'd to be members of her Majesty's said Council, ordered [fo. 34] that the draught of a representation be prepared proposing that the said Basset and Fitzhughs be appointed members of the said Council accordingly.

Ordered that Mr. Daniel, who appears in behalf of Mr. Simpson and Mrs. Gandy [fo. 30, 36] in relation to an Act pass'd at Jamaica, *for vesting the estate, real and personal, of Mr. Finch of that island in trustees, &c.*, have notice that the said Finch's agent has desired to be heard by council upon the said Act on Monday next, and that he may likewise be heard by council at the same time in behalf of the said Simpson and Gandy, if he thinks convenient.

November 30. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Lord Bishop of London, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

Mr. Penn attending [fo. 23, 36], the Order of Council, of the 30th of July, 1711, upon an address from the Minister, churchwardens and vestry of St. Mary's in New Jersey, about an Act pass'd in Pennsylvania, constituting a new form of protestation repugnant to the affirmation enjoyed by Act of Parliament; as also the said Act (both mentioned in the minutes of the 12th of September last), were again read; and after some discourse with Mr. Penn thereupon (he being withdrawn) ordered [fo. 35] that the draught of a representation be prepared proposing a repeal of the said Act.

The draught of a representation, relating to a clause in an Act of Parliament, directing debentures to be issued for the sufferers of Nevis and St. Christopher's [fo. 29, 34], was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

The draught of a representation, proposing that Mr. Basset and Mr. Fitzhughs may be appointed members of her Majesty's Council of Virginia [fo. 32, 35], was also agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

December 3. Present:—Earl of Winchelsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

A letter from the Earl of Dartmouth [fo. 22, 35], inclosing a report from the Board of Ordnance, in answer to what was writ his

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Leeward Islands.
Representation.
Mr. W. Hamilton to
be of the respective
Councils.

Virginia.
North Carolina.
Letter from Col.
Spotswood.
Massacre in North
Carolina.
Letter to
Lord Dartmouth
with copy thereof.

Virginia.
Col. Spotswood re-
commends two new
counsellors.
Representation to be
prepared thereupon.

Jamaica.
Mr. Daniel to have
notice of Mr. Finch's
agent's desire to be
heard by counsel.

New Jersey.
Pennsylvania.
Order of Council on
an address from New
Jersey about a
Pennsylvania Act
constituting a new
form of protestation
reconsidered.
Representation to be
prepared thereupon.

Nevis.
St. Christopher's.
Draught of a repre-
sentation about clause
in an Act.
Debentures.

Virginia.
Draught of a repre-
sentation.
Two new counsellors.

Virginia.
Letter from Lord
Dartmouth about
damag'd gunpowder.

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Col. Spotswood to be acquainted therewith.

Nevis.
St. Christopher's.
Representation.
Debentures.

Virginia.
Representation for two new counsellors.

Pennsylvania.
Draught of a representation on an Act directing an affirmation.

New Hampshire.
A new counsellor recommended.

lordship the 20th of the 1st month, relating to the damag'd gunpowder in Virginia, and to Colonel Spotswood's desire that the same may be changed, was read; whereupon ordered that in the next letter to Colonel Spotswood he be acquainted with what the Board of Ordnance report upon that subject.

A representation, relating to debentures for the sufferers of Nevis and St. Christopher's, agreed the last meeting [*fo. 33, 47*], was signed.

A representation [*fo. 34, 63*], proposing Mr. William Basset and Mr. William Fitzhugh to be members of her Majesty's Council in Virginia, agreed the last meeting, was also signed.

The draught of a representation, as directed the last meeting, upon an Act past in Pennsylvania [*fo. 33*] entitled *An Act directing an affirmation to such who for conscience sake cannot take an oath*, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

A memorial from Mr. Newman [*fo. 63*], setting forth the want of counsellors in New Hampshire, and praying that Mr. John Wentworth may be appointed a member thereof, was read.

December 4. Present :—Earl of Winchelsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

Virginia.
Report about gunpowder to be changed.

Their lordships again taking into consideration the letter from the Earl of Dartmouth, dated the 30th of the last month [*fo. 34, 41*], mentioned in yesterday's minutes, inclosing a report from the Board of Ordnance, touching the damaged gunpowder in Virginia, gave directions for preparing the draught of an answer to his lordship's foresaid letter.

Letter to be prepared thereon.

Pennsylvania.
Representation for repealing an Act.

A representation upon the Act past in Pennsylvania [*fo. 33, 63*] entitled *An Act directing an affirmation to such who for conscience sake cannot take an oath*, proposing a repeal thereof, agreed the last meeting, was signed.

Jamaica.
Council about Act for vesting Finch's estate.

Mr. Compere attending with Mr. Serjeant Webb, his council in behalf of Mr. Finch, of Jamaica, in relation to an Act past in that island for vesting the real and personal estate of the said Finch for payment of 3,800 pound [*fo. 32, 72*], and Mr. Daniel, agent for Mr. Simpson and Mrs. Gandy, with Mr. Dodd, their council, also attending, in relation to the said Act (mentioned in the minutes of the 28th and 29th of the last month), Mr. Dodd acquainted their lordships that he was not fully prepared to speak to the matter now before their lordships, by reason some letters that were expected from Jamaica were not yet arrived, but beleiving they would come to hand in a fortnight or thereabouts, he desired their lordships would please to grant them a delay for that time; and Mr. Serjeant Webb agreeing thereto, the same was granted accordingly.

New York.
Palatines.

Mr. Perry and Mr. Duprè attending, in relation to the bills drawn by Colonel Hunter for the subsistance of the Palatines at New York, they were acquainted that their lordships would take the same into consideration on Thursday morning next.

Newfoundland.
Answer to heads of inquiry.

A letter from Mr. Crow, Commodore of the Newfoundland convoy [*O. fo. 260 ; fo. 48*], containing an account of the present state of defence of St. John's; his answer to the heads of enquiry sent to

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Mr. Burchet the 12th of March, 1711; also an account of the strength of Quebec; as likewise the rules and orders he left at St. John's, was read; and their lordships made a progress in considering the papers therein referr'd to.

December 6. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

A letter from Mr. Secretary St. John, of the 4th instant [fo. 42, 53], desiring their lordships to inform him what new Custom Houses have been erected, and what new duties the Dutch have laid or exacted upon the trade and manufactures of Great Britain, going out of the Spanish Low Countries into the towns of the New Conquests, which they are possess'd of by the Barrier Treaty, was read; and directions were given for writing a letter to Mr. Livinus Dorpere, to desire him to come to the Board on Monday morning next, to give their lordships what information he can in this matter, and to bring along with him such other Flanders merchants as he may think proper.

Mr. Micajah Perry, Mr. Duprè and Mr. Keil, attending in relation to the Palatines at New York [fo. 28], the observations that had been made by the Earl of Clarendon, and referr'd to in Mr. Lowndes' letter, read the 28th of the last month, were communicated to them; whereupon Mr Dupre delivered to their lordships a memorial relating to the numbers of the Palatines there. And he said that, as for Mr. Levingston, of whom Colonel Hunter had bought the lands the Palatines are settled on (being 6,000 acres for 200*l.*), he was a man that had got a great estate by trade; that he had subsisted formerly the troops at Albany; that, some dispute happening about his accounts, the Assembly of New York pass'd an Act for seizing his estate; whereupon he did account; and that Act was afterwards repealed by Assembly. Besides this, he had never heard anything objected to the said Levingston's character; that having a bakehouse and a brewhouse upon his lands, the Governor did contract with him for furnishing the Palatines with bread and beer, at the same price they were sold at New York; and that, if any of the beer or bread should not prove good, it was to be returned to him. He further gave leave in the deed of sale of the said 6,000 acres, that the Palatines might cut any trees upon his other lands, except white pines, which he reserved to himself for timber.

As to the settlement of the Palatines upon the Mohaques river, that was found impracticable by reason of the distance, it being above 50 miles higher up in the country than where they are now; by reason of the great falls above Schenectady, and for that there would be a land carriage of about 20 miles; whereas where they are ships of 6 or 700 tun may come up to their settlements. Mr. Keil added that, if they were upon the Mohaques river, the carriage of provisions to them would come to more than the prime cost of the said provisions; that the pine lands are within three miles of the Palatines' settlements, where there are in quantities enough of those trees to last many years.

Trade.

Letter from Mr. Secretary St. John about duties laid by the Dutch on British manufactures.

Mr. Livinus Dorpere summon'd.

New York.

Several gentlemen in relation to Palatines.

Mr. Dupre's memorial touching their number. His character of Mr. Levingston.

Reasons against the Palatines settling on the Mohaques River.

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*Their manner of
subsisting.*

Then being asked if her Majesty should allow them the two years' subsistence desired, how they would subsist themselves, they being to be still employ'd in producing of tar, they said, that before that time expired, which they reckon'd would be about December next, the Palatines would have cleared sufficient ground to maintain their families with Indian wheat, potatoes, yams and other pulse; that the Governor did intend to lay out 200*l.* or 300*l.* in cows, horses, hogs, &c., for them; that the manufacturing the tar, which will not take them up above two or three months in the year, and that at different seasons, would be no great hindrance to their cultivating their ground; besides their wives and children may be usefull in that work during the men's absence.

*Method to reimburse
her Majesty.*

Their lordships then enquiring how the Queen should be reimbursed the money in case it should be advanced, they said that by the contract the tar is to be sold, and the net produce to be placed to her Majesty's credit. But it being objected that, if the Palatines receive no benefit by their labour, they would not work, and so the Queen would never be repaid; to which these gentlemen reply'd, that they computed by the number of trees already prepared, they might make about 30,000 barrils the first year, which, at 8 shillings sterling per barril, comes to 12,000 pound. That if her Majesty, instead of receiving the whole, would be graciously pleased to allow the Palatines 3*s.* out of the 8*s.* per barril, they would have encouragement enough to go on with their work. Upon this those gentlemen were desired to draw up their thoughts upon this matter in writing [fo. 44], more particularly on the method of reimbursing her Majesty, and let their lordships have the same as soon as possible.

*To be more particu-
larly stated in writing.*

North Carolina.
*Letter from the Lords
Proprietors for an
account of the
massacre there.*
Answer.

A letter from the Lords Proprietors of Carolina, of the 4th instant [fo. 31, 62], desiring this Board to transmit to them the substance of such accounts as they have received, relating to the massacre in North Carolina, was read; and an answer, inclosing the said accounts, was signed.

Virginia.
*Letter to the
Earl of Dartmouth
about exchange of
damaged gunpowder.*

A letter to the Earl of Dartmouth, upon the report of the Board of Ordnance, as directed the 4th instant [fo. 35] relating to the exchange of the damaged gunpowder in Virginia, was signed.

December 10. Present:—Earl of Winchelsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie.

Trade.
*Mr. Dorpere about
Custom Houses
erected and duties
laid on our goods by
the Dutch.*

Mr. Livinus Dorpere attending, as he had been desired [fo. 37] and being asked what new Custom Houses have been erected, and what new duties the Dutch have laid or exacted upon the trade and manufactures of Great Britain, going out of the Spanish Low Countries into the towns of the New Conquests, which they are possessed of by the Barrier Treaty, he communicated to their lordships an Order of the Council of State of Flanders [fo. 50], relating to the said duties, which he said he thought by computation might amount to about eight per cent.; but, as he had not a particular account of those duties, he had writ to a friend of his at Ghent for it, and expected it by the first post after the receipt of his letter; in the meantime he promised to lay before their lordships a memorial in writing, explaining the forementioned order.

*Order of the Council
of State relating
thereto.*

A letter from Mr. Secretary St. John, of the 8th instant, inclosing a petition from Mr. James Ball [fo. 47] in behalf of the owners and freighters of the ships the *London* of London and the *Mary* galley of Waterford, bound from Ostend to Cadiz and other parts of Spain, &c., praying her Majesty's passports for the said ships, was read; whereupon ordered that Mr. Ball be desired to lay before their lordships in writing on Thursday next an account of the lading of the said ships.

A memorial from Mrs. Ann Ernle [*vide infra*] desiring that she may be heard by counsel to the caveat lodged in this office by Sir John Colleton (and read the 8th of July, 1709) against Mr. John Colleton's being appointed a member of the Council of Barbadoes, was read, and their lordships agreed to reconsider the said memorial.

December 11. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie.

Their lordships taking into consideration the memorial from Mrs. Ernly read yesterday [*vide supra*, (fo.) 50], desiring to be heard by counsel upon the caveat lodged in this office against Mr. John Colleton's being appointed a member of the Council of Barbadoes, their lordships agreed to hear what she may have to offer by her said council in relation to that matter on Tuesday morning next, and thereupon ordered that she be acquainted with it, and that Sir John Colleton have also notice thereof, that he may come prepared with counsel, to make such answer at the same time as he may judge proper.

Mr. Perry, Mr. Keil and Mr. Duprè attending [fo. 41], they presented to their lordships a memorial upon the observations that had been communicated to them the 6th instant, relating to the Palatines at New York, referr'd to in Mr. Lowndes's letter of the 26th of the last month, which memorial was read; and directions were given for preparing the draught of a letter to my Lord Treasurer [fo. 70], in answer to Mr. Lowndes's foresaid letter.

Sir Richard Onslow and several of the members of the Turkey Company attending [fo. 52], they communicated to their lordships the copy of a memorial they intended to present to her Majesty, praying that in case of a treaty of peace with France, they may be allow'd the same priviledges in their trade to that kingdom, as they enjoy'd before the war, and particularly that the duty of 20 per cent. on all goods from Turkey and the Levant, imported from thence or Great Britain into the ports of France, may be taken off, as was done for the Dutch by the Treaty of Commerce between them and the French in 1697; which memorial was read.

A memorial from Mr. Thomas Hodges, Attorney General of Barbadoes, relating to his place there, and complaining of the Governor's having refused to allow his Deputy, was read [fo. 17, 107], as also a copy of her Majesty's licence, giving him leave to come from thence to England for six months, for the recovery of his health.

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Trade.

Letter from Mr. Secretary St. John with Mr. Ball's petition praying two passes.

Barbadoes.

Memorial from Mrs. Ernle desiring to be heard against Sir John Colleton's caveat.

Barbadoes.

Hearing appointed between Mrs. Ernle and Sir John Colleton.

New York.

Memorial from Mr. Perry, &c. upon the observations sent them relating to the Palatines.

Trade.

Memorial from the Turkey Company, praying they may be allow'd their former priviledges in France.

Barbadoes.

Memorial from Mr. Hodges complaining of the Governor, &c.

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Barbadoes.
Representation proposing a new counsellor.

December 13. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

Their lordships taking into consideration the vacancy in the Council of Barbadoes by the death of Mr. George Lillington, ordered [*fo.* 48] that the draught of a representation be prepared, proposing Mr. Thomas Maxwell as a person fitly qualify'd to fill up the said vacancy.

Barbadoes.
Letter from the Governor.

A letter from Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, dated the 27th of October last, was read, and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, vizt. :

Papers therein referr'd to.

An Act for giving further time for payment of the levy lately raised on the inhabitants of this island. Dup.

Minutes of Council of Barbadoes, from the 23rd of June, 1711, to the 15th August following. Dup.

Letter from Mr. Skene with Minutes of Council.

A letter from Mr. Alexander Skene, secretary of Barbadoes, dated the 26th October last, inclosing the Minutes of Council of that island, from the sixth of March, 1710, to the 29th of May, 1711, was read.

Trade.
Letter to Mr. Secretary St. John about the African trade.

A letter to Mr. Secretary St. John, desiring that he will please to inform himself when the lords who are of this Commission will be at leisure to enter into the consideration of the trade to Africa referr'd to this Board [*fo.* 57, 78] and acquaint their lordships therewith, was signed.

Memorial from the African Company relating to their case.

Several of the members of the Royal African Company attending, they presented to their lordships a memorial, containing the case of the said Company and of their creditors, which was read ; and they were acquainted with the substance of the forementioned letter to Mr. Secretary St. John.

Nevis.
St. Christopher's.
Memorial from Mr. Duport, &c. in behalf of the sufferers there. Debentures.

Mr. Duport, Mr. Campbell and several other gentlemen attending, in relation to the sufferers of Nevis and St. Christopher's, they presented to their lordships a memorial [*fo.* 34, 147], relating to the debentures directed to be issued by the Act pass'd last Session of Parliament, which was read ; and they were acquainted that their lordships had laid the difficulties they lye under in relation to that matter before her Majesty.

Trade.
Letter from Mr. Ball. Passports.

A letter from Mr. James Ball, in answer to one writ him the 10th instant [*fo.* 43], relating to two passports desired by him for two ships bound from Ostend to Cadiz and other ports of Spain, was read ; whereupon ordered that he have notice that they obtain the proper certificates to prove that the property of the said ships and goods are English.

New York.
Mr. Dupré's memorial about subsistence of Palatines.

December 14. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

Mr. Dupré attending, he presented to their lordships a memorial, signifying that he could give no account of the disposition of the sum of ten thousand pound, issued from the Treasury for the subsistence of the Palatines at New York, was read.

Newfoundland.
Answer to the heads of enquiry.

The Commodore of the Newfoundland Convoy's answer to the heads of enquiry mentioned in the Minutes of the 4th instant [*fo.* 37], was read.

The draught of a representation, proposing Mr. Maxwell to be one of the Council of Barbadoes, in the room of Mr. Lillington, deceased [fo. 45], was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

December 17. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A representation, proposing Mr. Thomas Maxwell [fo. 48, 63] to be a member of her Majesty's Council of Barbadoes, in the room of Mr. George Lillington, deceased, agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

A letter from Mr. John Loggan, her Majesty's Consul at Ostend, dated the 16th instant, n.s., inclosing the printed case in Dutch of Mr. Peter Willaert, a merchant of that city, relating to the importation of English tanned leather, and to the seizure of a considerable quantity of the same belonging to the said Willaert by the tanners there, was read; whereupon ordered that enquiry be made for a person to translate the said case into English.

A letter to the Lord High Treasurer, desiring that 400*l.* per annum may be allowed by the new establishment now passing, for defraying the incidental charges of this office, and that the postage of letters for the future be certify'd to his lordship by the Postmaster General, was signed.

December 18. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

Mrs. Ernle attending [fo. 43], with Mr. Peer Williams, her council, against the caveat lodged in this office by Sir John Colleton, that Mr. John Colleton might not be a member of her Majesty's Council in Barbadoes, and Sir John Colleton also attending, with Mr. Lutwich, his council, in defence of his said caveat, both sides were heard in relation to that matter.

Their lordships then taking (*sic*) into consideration the draught of a representation, relating as well to the general state of the trade of this kingdom [fo. 7, 61, 77], as to the state thereof in all foreign parts, and made a progress therein.

Mr. Livinus Dorpere attending, he presented to their lordships a memorial, containing some observations on the ordnance of the States General [fo. 42, 51] directing the payment of certain duties on the importation and exportation of all sorts of merchandizes, into and out of Lille, Doway, Orchees, Tournay, Mevin, &c.; which memoriall was read.

December 19. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

Their lordships again took into consideration the letter from Mr. Secretary St. John, of the 4th instant [fo. 37, 50], mentioned in the minutes of the 6th, and the memorial from Mr. Dorpere read yesterday, relating to the duties laid by the Dutch upon all merchandises imported into and exported from Lisle, Doway, &c., and gave directions for preparing the draught of an answer to Mr. Secretary St. John's foresaid letter.

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Barbadoes.
Representation.
New counsellor.

Barbadoes.
New counsellor.

Trade.
Complaint of a
seizure made of
leather at Ostend.

Complainant's case
to be translated.

Miscellanies.
Letter to Lord
Treasurer. Allowance
for incidents.

Barbadoes.
Mrs. Ernle adversus
Sir John Colleton.

Trade.
General state of trade.

Memorial of Mr.
Dorpere about duties
laid on goods by the
Dutch.

Trade.
Duties laid on goods
by the Dutch.

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*Letter from Mr.
Secretary St. John.
Treaty of Commerce
with France, &c.*

A letter from Mr. Secretary St. John, of the 18th instant, relating to a Treaty of Commerce with France, and to the Barrier Treaty with the Dutch, was read [fo. 66, 130], and ordered that the draught of a Treaty of Commerce prepared in 1709, together with the copy of the representation about her Majesty's right to the several plantations in America, be copied, and a letter prepared inclosing the same to Mr. Secretary St. John.

Answer.

December 21. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

Trade.
Hudson's Bay.
*Letter from the
Earl of Dartmouth,
referring two petitions
from the Turkey and
Hudson's Bay
merchants.*

A letter from the Earl of Dartmouth of the 18th instant [fo. 44, 101], referring to their lordships two petitions to her Majesty from the merchants trading to Turkey and Hudson's Bay, and desiring to know [fo. 81] what their lordships may judge proper to be offer'd in relation to those trades at a general peace, was read, and the petitions referr'd to in the said letter were laid before the Board, vizt. :

A petition from the Governor and Company of Merchants trading into the Levant seas, praying that in the negotiation for peace such provision be made as may restore to them so beneficial a trade.

A petition from the Governor and Company of Adventurers of England trading into Hudson's Bay, praying that, in a Treaty of Peace with the French, they may be obliged to renounce all right and pretentions to the Bay and Streights of Hudson, and to quit and surrender all ports and settlements erected by the French, &c.

December 22. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

Trade.
*Letter from Mr.
Secretary St. John
about custom houses
erected by the Dutch,
&c.*

A letter to Mr. Secretary St. John, directed the 19th instant, in answer to one from him of the 4th [fo. 37], desiring to know what new custom houses have been erected and what new duties exacted by the Dutch upon the manufactures of Great Britain, going out of the Spanish Low Countries into the towns of the New Conquests, was signed.

Barrier Treaty.

A letter from Mr. Tilson, inclosing a copy of the Barrier Treaty between her Majesty and the Dutch, with copies of the two separate articles relating thereunto, dated the 29th of October, 1709, was read.

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North Carolina.
*Security for Mr.
Hyde.
Letter to the
Earl of Dartmouth
thereupon.
Instructions.*

January 4, 17¹¹/₁₂. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn.

A certificate from the Remembrancer's office, that security has been given for Mr. Hyde's due observance of the Acts of Trade and Navigation, was read; and a letter signifying the same to the Earl of Dartmouth, and inclosing instructions for her Majesty's signature to the Lords Proprietors of Carolina, was signed.

January 8. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

An Order of Council of 19th of the last month [*fo.* 58] referring to the Board the petition of Mr. Gawin Corbin, late naval officer at Rappahanock River, in Virginia, complaining of a hardship imposed on him by Colonel Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of that Colony, in having suspended him upon a suspicion of his having been concern'd in a razure made in her Majesty's letter of licence to the ship *Robinson*, &c., was read; whereupon order'd that the said Corbin have notice to attend their lordships on Fryday morning next, in relation to the said petition, and that Colonel Blakiston have notice to attend at the same time.

A letter from Mr. Secretary St. John, of the 31st of the last month [*fo.* 103], referring to their lordships a memorial from the King of Prussia's resident here, complaining of the duties laid on foreign linnens; which letter and memorial were read; and order'd that the several papers in this office relating to the said duties be laid before their lordships.

Another letter from Mr. Secretary St. John, of the 3rd instant, relating to a treaty with Denmark, was read; whereupon order'd [*fo.* 61, 68] that the copy of the last treaty with that kingdom be got from the Secretarie's office, and laid before their lordships.

Ordered that letters be writ to the Earl of Dartmouth and Mr. Secretary St. John [*vide infra*], desiring that this Board may have copies of all the treaties that have been made between this kingdom and any foreign powers since the Revolution.

January 9. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

A letter to the Earl of Dartmouth, as also to Mr. Secretary St. John [*vide supra*] desiring that this Board may have copies of all the treaties that have been made between her Majesty and any foreign powers since the Treaty of Ryswick, as directed at the last meeting, were signed.

January 10. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

A letter from the Earl of Dartmouth, of the 8th instant [*fo.* 46, *vide infra*], referring to their lordships petitions from the Royal African Company to her Majesty, and from the Company and their creditors to the House of Commons, and a copy of a representation of Mr. Grosvenor and Mr. Phips to the said House, relating to the present state and condition of the African trade; which letter and petitions were read; and a letter to the Earl of Dartmouth [*vide supra*, (*fo.*) 78] desiring to know when the Lords of the Council, who are of this Commission, will be at leasure to enter into the consideration of the foresaid papers, was signed.

January 11. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

Mr. Corbin attending, as he had been directed the 8th instant [*fo.* 54], upon the reading of his petition, complaining of a hardship put upon him by Colonel Spotswood, in having turn'd him out of his place of naval officer of Rhappahanock, upon suspicion

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Virginia.
Order of Council.
Corbin, naval officer.

Trade.
Letter from Mr.
Secretary St. John
on a memorial about
duties on linnens
from Prussia.

Letter from Mr.
Secretary St. John.
Treaty with Denmark.

Trade.
Letter to the
Secretaries of State
for copies of all treaties
since the Revolution.

Trade.
Letter to the
Secretaries of State
for copies of treaties

Trade.
Petitions from the
Royal African
Company.

Letter to the
Earl of Dartmouth
thereon.

Virginia.
Mr. Corbin, naval
officer.
Complaint against
the Governor.

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*Order of Council
thereupon.*

of being concern'd in a razure made in her Majesty's letter of licence to the ship *Robinson*; and the Earl of Orkney and Colonel Blakeston being also present, in behalf of Colonel Spotswood, the forementioned petition and order of reference were again read; whereupon the said Corbin informed their lordships that he had the Governor's verbal order for clearing the said ship, that as to the razure he knew nothing of it, till Colonel Spotswood acquainted him with it; that the razure must have been made before the letter was delivered to him; that the captain of the ship, William Bastin, dyed at sea, and the mate, who took upon him the command of the ship, deliver'd to him the said letter after his arrival in Virginia. Mr. Corbin owned that the *Robinson* frigate had a letter of licence for the year 1709, but returning home with convoy did not then make use of it. He also owned that, upon Colonel Spotswood's shewing him the said letter, he did perceive the razure by the thinness of the paper, and by the different colour of the ink.

The aforementioned mate being present and examined, said that he had heard on board of ship in the voyage, that there was a letter of licence, but had not seen it; that when he came into Virginia he delivered a tin box sealed up with papers in it to Mr. Corbin, which box was open'd in his presence, but he could not affirm there was a letter of licence. After Mr. Corbin had been heard to what he had further to offer in his own justification, they withdrew.

Jamaica.
*Mr. Blathwayt desires
account of the revenue*

A letter from Mr. Blathwayt, Auditor General of the plantations, of the 9th instant, desiring that he may have such accounts of her Majesty's revenue in Jamaica as are in this office delivered to him, was read; whereupon ordered that copies of the following accounts be sent to him accordingly.

to be sent him.

Her Majesty's account currant, from the 25th March, 1709, to 25th March, 1710.

Her Majesty's account of quit-rent, from March 25th, 1709, to March 25th, 1710.

Her Majesty's account of impost, from March 25th, 1709, to March 25th, 1710.

Her Majesty's account of fines, forfeitures and escheats, from March 25th, 1709, to March 25th, 1710.

Her Majesty's account wine licences, from 25th March, 1709, to 25th March, 1710.

Her Majesty's account fortifications, from 25th March, 1709, to 25th March, 1710.

Her Majesty's account currant to 29th September, 1710.

Her Majesty's account currant to March 25th, 1711.

January 14. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

Trade.
*Letter to Sir Charles
Hedges about treaty
with Denmark.*

A letter from Mr. Secretary St. John, of the 12th instant [fo. 55, 66, 68], inclosing the copy of an article of a treaty proposed by the King of Denmark, mentioned in the minutes of the 8th instant, was read; and a letter to Sir Charles Hedges, transmitting a copy of the said article, desiring his opinion thereupon, was signed.

*Order of Council.
Trade at Oporto.*

An Order of Council, of the 19th December, 1711, referring to the Board a memorial from the British factory at Oporto in

Portugal [*fo.* 50, 64], relating to the state and condition of the British trade to and from that place, was read.

An Order of Council, of the 19th December, 1711 [*fo.* 50, 75], referring to the Board a memorial from the British merchants residing at Lisbon, relating to the state and condition of the British trade to and from the said place.

January 15. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Gwyn.

An Order of Council, of the 10th instant, upon a report from the Lords of the Committee of Council [*O. fo.* 391 ; *fo.* 63] relating to the murther of Colonel Park, late Governor of the Leeward Islands, referring the consideration thereof to the Board, directing their lordships to examine how far Major Douglas, present Governor of the said islands, hath comply'd with his instructions touching this matter, was read.

Order of Council, of the 19th December, 1711 [*fo.* 31], upon a representation of the 29th November foregoing, relating to Mr. Walter Hamilton's being admitted into the respective Councils of the Leeward Islands, approving the same, was read.

Order of Council, of 19th December, 1711 [*fo.* 41], upon a letter from this Board to the Earl of Dartmouth, of ye 29th November foregoing, relating to a massacre comitted by ye Tuscaruro Indians in North Carolina; referring the consideration of that matter to a committee of the Council, was read.

Order of Council, of the 19th December, 1711, upon a representation of the 3rd ditto [*fo.* 35], proposing Mr. Basset and Mr. Fitzhughs to be members of the Council of Virginia, approving the same, was read.

Order of Council, of 19th December, 1711, upon a representation of the 4th ditto [*fo.* 36], relating to an Act past in Pennsylvania, directing an affirmation, &c., repealing the same, was read.

Order of Council, of the 19th December, 1711, on a representation of the 17th ditto [*fo.* 49], proposing Mr. Thomas Maxwell to be of the Council of Barbadoes, approving the same, was read.

Order of Council, of the 19th December, 1711, on a letter from Major Douglas [*fo.* 62, 74] transmitting several papers against persons concerned in the murther of Colonel Park, referring the consideration of that matter to a committee of the Council, was read.

Letter from Mr. Wainwright to Mr. Newman, giving an account of the death of Mr. Hilton, late a member of the Council of New Hampshire, was read; and a representation, proposing Mr. John Wentworth to be a member of her Majesty's Council in the said province in the room of the said Hilton [*fo.* 35; R. *fo.* 143], was signed.

A letter from Mr. Granville (now Lord Lansdown), Secretary at War, dated the 21st of December [*fo.* 6], in answer to one writ him the 7th of November last, relating to the invalides at New York, was read; and directions given for preparing the draught of a letter to Colonel Hunter, Governor of that province, thereupon.

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Order of Council.
Lisbonne.

Antego.

Order of Council
about Col. Douglas's
proceedings in rela-
tion to the murder
of Col. Park.

Leeward Islands.

Order of Council
on representation
about Mr. Hamilton's
being admitted into
the respective
Councils.

North Carolina.

Order of Council
about the massacre
committed by the
Tuscaruro Indians.

Virginia.

Order of Council
about new counsellors.

Pensilvania.

Order of Council on
representation about
affirmation.

Barbadoes.

Order of Council on
representation about
new counsellor.

Antego.

Order of Council with
papers touching the
persons concern'd in
the murder of Col.
Park.

New Hampshire.

Representation for a
new counsellor.

New York.

Letter from the
Secretary at War
about invalides.
Col. Hunter to be writ
to thereupon.

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Newfoundland.

The sole trade to be secured at the treaty of peace.

Trade.

*Order of Council.
East India exports.*

New England.

Letter from the Governor.

Papers.

A letter from the merchants at Bristol, trading to Newfoundland, dated the 22nd December last, desiring that the sole benefit of that trade may be secured to Great Britain at the insuing Treaty of Peace, was read.

Order of Council, of the 19th December, 1711 [*fo.* 61], referring to the Board an account of the East India Company's exports from September, 1710, to September, 1711, directing the Board to examine the same, &c., and to report thereupon, was read.

A letter from Colonel Dudley, Governor of the Massachusetts Bay, dated the 13th of November, 1711, was read; and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

Proceedings relating to pilots for the expedition against Canada, &c.

Abstract of the proceedings of the Governor, Council and Assembly of the Massachusetts Bay, relating to the expedition against Canada.

Maryland.
Merchants about a Governor.

Mr. Bailly, Mr. Hyde and other Maryland merchants attending [*fo.* 98], they represented to their lordships that the government of Maryland has been vacant about two years, and the President and Council there did not take the same care of trade as a Governor would do; and they desired that their lordships would lay this matter before her Majesty, that she may please to appoint a Governor for that province; whereupon these gentlemen being desired to put what they had to offer in writing, they promised to do the same accordingly.

Jamaica.
Letter from the Governor.

A letter from the Lord Archibald Hamilton, Governor of Jamaica, dated the 18th of October, 1711, was read; and the papers referr'd to therein were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

Papers.

An address from the Governor, Council and Assembly of Jamaica to her Majesty, relating to the duties on prize goods in that island.

The state of the case of the bonds enter'd into by several persons for duties on prize goods in Jamaica.

An address from the Council and Assembly of Jamaica to her Majesty, in favour of my Lord Archibald Hamilton, Governor of that island.

Letter to the Lord Dartmouth thereupon.

Whereupon a letter to the Earl of Dartmouth, inclosing the said addresses, was signed.

January 17. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Gwyn.

Trade.
Letter from Sir Charles Hedges about treaty with Denmark.

A letter from Sir Charles Hedges, of the 15th instant, in answer to one writ him the 14th ditto [*fo.* 61] containing his opinion upon the article of a project of a treaty proposed by the Crown of Denmark, &c., was read; whereupon ordered that Sir Charles Hedges be acquainted that their lordships will be glad to speak with him as soon as he can conveniently.

Letter from Mr. Secretary St. John about Barrier Treaty.

A letter from Mr. Secretary St. John, of the 15th instant [*fo.* 51], desiring to have as soon as possible their lordships' observations upon the Barrier Treaty, was read; whereupon ordered [*vide infra*]

that Mr. Dorpere be desired to attend the Board on Monday morning next, and to bring with him some other merchants verst in the trade to Flanders.

A reference from the Earl of Dartmouth, of the 12th instant, upon the petition of Mr. Frere, a member of her Majesty's Council of Barbadoes, praying to be restored to his former precedency in the said Council, was read, and directions given for preparing the draught of an answer to the said reference.

January 21. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

Mr. Levinus Dorpere attending [*vide supra*] he presented to their lordships a memorial containing his thoughts of what he judges will be advantageous to the trade to Flanders, which was read; whereupon ordered that Mr. George Virgo, Mr. Charles Bullinger, Mr. John London, and Mr. John Hillerden, Flanders merchants, have notice to attend the Board on Wednesday morning next. Mr. Dorpere also presented to their lordships the extract of a letter from the Spanish Flanders relating to the duties on goods imported into and exported from thence.

Their lordships taking into consideration the letters from Mr. Secretary St. John, read the 8th and 14th instant [*fo.* 55, 63], as also the letter from Sir Charles Hedges [*fo.* 66], read the 17th ditto, relating to the project of an article for a treaty, proposed by the Crown of Denmark, and gave directions [*fo.* 71] for preparing the draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary St. Johns thereupon.

Colonel Nicholson attending, and being asked several questions in relation to the expedition against Canada, he gave their lordships an account of what pass'd under his management in that affair.

January 25. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

A letter to the Earl of Dartmouth, directed the 17th instant, upon the petition of Mr. John Frere [*fo.* 67; R. *fo.* 144], praying to be restored to his precedency in the Council of Barbadoes, was signed.

January 29. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

A report from Mr. Attorney General, upon an Act passed at Barbadoes the 21st of March, 1709 [*fo.* 72] entitled *An Act to render more effectual certain legacies given and bequeathed by Captain Williams, deceased, to the parish of Christ Church within this island*, was read; whereupon ordered that Mr. William Heysham, agent for that island, have notice to attend their lordships on Thursday morning next.

Another report from Mr. Attorney General upon an Act pass'd in Barbadoes the 11th of December, 1711 [*fo.* 71] entitled *An Act to dock the intail of certain lands in the parish of St. Philip, and of several negro slaves, and to vest the same in Benjamin Chapman*,

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Mr. Dorpere
sumon'd.

Barbadoes.

Reference from the
Lord Dartmouth
on the petition of Mr.
Frere.

Trade.

Memorial from Mr.
Dorpere. Flanders
trade.
Merchants summon'd.

Letter from Spanish
Flanders about im-
ports and exports.

Trade.

Treaty with Denmark.

New England.

Col. Nicholson about
expedition against
Canada.

Barbadoes.

Letter to Lord
Dartmouth on the
petition of Mr. Frere,
counsellor.

Barbadoes.

Mr. Attorney General's
report on a private
Act.

Barbadoes.

Another report on a
private Act.

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*Representation to be drawn.***New York.
New England.
Virginia.***Letters to the
Governors.***New York.**
*Memorial from Mr.
Duprè about Pala-
tines.**Representation to be
drawn.***Trade.***Letter to Mr. Secretary
St. Johns about treaty
with Denmark.*

planter, in fee simple, was also read ; and the draught of a representation, proposing the confirmation of the said Act, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

The draughts of letters to Colonel Dudley, Governor of New England, Colonel Hunter, Governor of New York, and Colonel Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia [*fo. 73*], were agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

A memorial from Mr. Duprè [*fo. 44, 73*], desiring their lordships to conclude their report upon what Colonel Hunter writes in relation to the settlement and imployment of the Palatines at New York, was read ; and their lordships, taking into consideration the draught of a representation on that subject, agreed the same, and ordered it to be transcribed.

A letter to Mr. Secretary St. Johns, in answer to his of the 3rd and 12th instant, relating to the renewal of the treaty of 1701 [*fo. 68*] with the Crown of Denmark, was signed.

January 31. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

Plantations General.
*Letter to be prepared
to the Lord Treasurer
about stores of warr
for the plantations.*

Their lordships, taking into consideration the frequent want there is of stores of war in the respective plantations in America, gave directions for preparing the draught of a letter to the Lord High Treasurer [*fo. 98*], proposing to his lordship that provision be made of such stores, in order to the furnishing the said plantations therewith from time to time, as shall be found necessary for the defence and preservation of each respective government.

Barbadoes.
*Representation upon
a private Act for con-
firmation.*

A representation upon an Act past in Barbadoes the 11th of December, 1710, entituled *An Act to dock the intail of certain lands in the parish of St. Philip, and of several negro slaves, and to vest the same in Benjamin Chapman, planter, in fee simple* [*fo. 70 ; R. fo. 144*] agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

Jamaica.
*Mr. Compere in
behalf of Mr. Finch.*

Mr. Compere attending [*fo. 36, 87*], in behalf of Mr. Finch, of Jamaica, in relation to an Act past there, *For vesting the real and personal estate of the said Finch, for payment of 3,800*l.**, mentioned in the minutes of 4th December last, he acquainted their lordships that he was now prepared to speak to the said matter, and desiring that a day might be appointed for that purpose ; their lordships agreed upon this day se'night, and gave directions that Mr. Daniel, agent for Mr. Simpson and Mrs. Gandy, have notice to attend with their council at the same time.

*A day appointed
for a hearing.***Barbadoes.**
*Mr. Heysham about
a private Act.*

Mr. William Heysham, agent for Barbadoes, attending, as he had been desir'd the 29th instant, and being acquainted with Mr. Attorney General's objections to the Act past in Barbadoes [*fo. 69*], *to render more effectual certain legacies given and bequeathed by Captain Williams, deceas'd*, he said that he had no instructions in that matter, and all that he knew was, that the said Williams dyed considerably in debt. Whereupon their lordships gave directions [*fo. 100*] for preparing the draught of a representation, proposing a repeal of the said Act.

February 1. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie.

Letters to the Governors of New England, New York and Virginia [fo. 70], were signed.

A letter to the Lord High Treasurer [fo. 70], relating to the settlement and subsistence of the Palatines at New York, mention'd in the minutes of the 29th of the last month, was signed.

An Order of Council, of the 3rd of September, 1711 [fo. 105], referring to their lordships the petition of Captain John Walton to her Majesty, relating to the Virgin Islands in America, was read ; whereupon ordered that Mr. Walton have notice to put what he may have to offer further touching the said islands in writing, and lay the same before the Board as soon as he can conveniently.

February 4. Present :—Lord High Treasurer, Lord President, Sir John Leake, Earl of Dartmouth, Mr. Secretary St. John, Mr. Chancellor of ye Exchequer, Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

Their lordships, taking into consideration the several papers referr'd to in the Order of Council of the 10th of the last month, (mentioned in the minutes of the 15th ditto), relating to Major Douglas's sending over the principal persons concern'd in the murder of Colonel Park [fo. 63, 82], read a letter from the said Major Douglas to the Earl of Dartmouth, dated at Antego the 27th of August last, upon that subject, as also the depositions of Richard Oglethorp against Captain Marshal and Captain Narbury ; whereupon ordered [fo. 82] that Sir John St. Leger and the said Captain Narbury have notice to attend the Board on Friday morning next.

A petition from Mr. William Hyde [fo. 78], praying their lordships to recommend him to her Majesty's favour, that he may be appointed secretary of the island of Bermuda, in the room of Mr. Edward Jones, late secretary of that island, was read ; whereupon ordered that Mr. Blackmore, who appears in behalf of the said Hyde, be desired to attend their lordships to-morrow morning.

A petition from Mr. Thomas Cook, in behalf of Mr. Francis Bond, praying that the said Bond may be appointed a member of her Majesty's Council of Barbadoes, upon any vacancy that may happen therein, was read ; whereupon ordered that his name be put upon the list of persons recommended to serve her Majesty in that station.

The secretary laid before their lordships several memorials relating to the state of the British trade in foreign parts [fo. 61], which are as follows :—

Letter from Mr. Crow, Consul at Leghorn, dated the 20th July, 1711, with a memorial from the merchants there relating to the state of the British trade.

Letter from Sir William Hodges to the secretary, dated 14th August, 1711, relating to the Spanish trade.

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New England.
New York.
Virginia.

*Letters to the
Governors.*

New York.
*Letter to the Lord
Treasurer about
Palatines.*

Leeward Islands.
*Order of Council
about Virgin Islands.*

Antego.
*Papers relating to
Major Douglas and
persons concern'd in
the murder of Col.
Park.*

*Sir John St. Leger
and Capt. Narbury
summon'd.*

Bermuda.
*Petition from Mr.
Hyde to be secretary.*

*Mr. Blackmore to
attend.*

Barbadoes.
*Petition for Mr. Bond
to be a counsellor.*

Trade.
*Memorials on state
of the British trade at*

Leghorn.

Spain.

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Ibidem.

Letter from Sir William Hodges, of the 14th instant, being a supplement to his memorial, read the 24th May last, relating to the Spanish trade &c.

Zant.

Letter from Mr. Paul, Consul at Zant, dated the 15th June, 1711, relating to the state of the trade in the currant islands.

Naples.

Letter from the Consul at Naples, of the 23rd of June, 1711, inclosing a copy of a letter to the Lord Dartmouth from the merchants there, relating to the state of the British trade.

Ibidem.

Order of Council, of the 30th July, 1711, referring to the Board a letter from the Consul at Naples to the Lord Dartmouth, as also a memorial from the merchants there relating to the state of the British trade.

Ostend.

Letter from Mr. Secretary St. John, inclosing the copy of a letter from the Consul at Ostend, with one from Mr. White, a merchant at Bruges, complaining of the majestates there.

Ibidem.

Letter from the Consul at Ostend, of the 19th July, 1711, n.s., inclosing two memorials from the merchants of Ostend and Bruges, relating to the present state of the British trade in those parts.

Bruges.

Letter from Mr. Loggan, Consul at Bruges, dated the 29th of July, 1711, relating to the trade carry'd on by the people at Bruges with Spain, which is prejudicial to her Majesty's subjects &c.

Ibidem.

Letter from Mr. Secretary St. John, inclosing the copy of a letter from Mr. Loggan, Consul at Bruges, relating to a clandestine trade carried on between the Netherlands and Spain.

Dresden.

Letter from Mr. Tilson, inclosing the extract of a letter from her Majesty's secretary to the King of Poland &c., dated at Dresden the $\frac{1}{2}$ of July, 1711, relating to the state of the British trade there.

Lisbon.

A memorial from the British merchants residing at Lisbon, relating to the present state of the British trade, dated the 1st of October, 1711.

Italian Trade.

Letter from Mr. Ball, of the 4th instant, inclosing a memorial relating to the Italian trade.

Trade.

Draught of representation on state of the British trade.

And their lordships then took into consideration the draught of a representation upon the general state of the trade of this kingdom to foreign parts [*fo.* 50], mentioned in the minutes of the 18th of December last, and made a progress therein.

Trade.

Trade to the Low Countries.

Mr. London and Mr. Dorpene attending [*fo.* 61], presented to their lordships a memorial containing their thoughts of what will be for the advantage of the British trade to the Spanish Low Countries, which was read.

Trade to Africa.

Their lordships then took into consideration the present state of the trade to Africa [*fo.* 46, 80], and read the queries sent to the African Company and to the separate traders the 16th of January, 1711, together with their several answers to the same, and agreed to proceed further in this matter at the first opportunity.

February 5. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore.

Mr. Blackmore, a member of Parliament, attending, with Mr. William Hyde [fo. 74, 106], whose petition was read yesterday, the said Mr. Blackmore recommended Mr. Hyde as a person fitly qualify'd to serve her Majesty as secretary of Bermuda, in the room of Mr. Jones; whereupon he was told that this Board had not yet been acquainted from the Council Office that her Majesty had removed the said Jones, and thereupon gave directions that enquiry be made concerning the same.

Colonel Blakiston, Colonel Scot, Mr. Tryon, Mr. Chester, Mr. Clealand, Mr. Mein and Mr. Gohear attending [fo. 101], a memorial from Mr. Edward Warner, praying to be appointed a member of the Council of Antego, was read; and these gentlemen giving a very good character of the said Warner, order'd that his name be put on the list of persons recommended to serve her Majesty in that station.

A petition from Mr. William Mathews [fo. 101], also praying to be appointed a member of her Majesty's said Council of Antego, was read, and his name order'd also to be put on the said list.

February 7. Present:—Earl of Winchelsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

Mr. Moore acquainting their lordships that Sir John Cropley had desired from my Lord Shaftesbury that Mr. Wheelock, one of the clerks who had leave to go with his lordship into Italy, might be permitted to stay six months longer, their lordships granted the same, and order'd that Sir John Cropley have notice thereof.

Their lordships took into consideration the trade to Africa [fo. 78, *vide infra*], and the secretary laid before their lordships an abstract of what has been offer'd to the Board, as well by the Royal African Company as the separate traders.

February 8. Present:—Lord High Treasurer, Lord President, Earl of Dartmouth, Mr. Secretary St. John, Mr. Chancellor of ye Exchequer, Earl of Winchelsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

Sir Robert Davers, Mr. Robert Heysham, Mr. Harris, with other of the separate traders attending [*vide supra*, fo. 81], they presented to their lordships some additional proposals touching the maintenance of the African settlements, which were read.

Captain Merry and Mr. John Perry, with other members of the Company of Adventurers of England trading into Hudson's Bay, attending [fo. 52, 102], they presented to their lordships a memorial containing what the said Company desires may be stipulated for them at the insuing Treaty of Peace, which was read.

Then their lordships took into consideration the trade to Africa [fo. 80, 85], and after some discourse thereupon, agreed that a stock is necessary for carrying on the trade to Africa, to the best advantage of her Majesty's subjects, and for preserving and improving the same; and ordered that the said resolution be communicated to the Company and separate traders, and that they be desired to let their lordships have their proposals hereupon in writing, on Monday or Tuesday morning next.

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Bermuda.

Mr. Hyde recommended for secretary.

Antego.

Mr. Warner's memorial to be of the Council.

Mr. Mathews's petition on the same subject.

Miscellanies.

The Board's permission to Mr. Wheelock to be absent 6 months longer.

Trade.

Abstract of what has been offer'd by the Company and separate traders.

Trade.

Additional proposals from the separate traders to Africa.

Hudson's Bay.

Memorial of the Company's desire at the ensuing treaty.

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to Africa. A stock necessary to carry on the same.

Company and separate traders to be acquainted therewith.

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Antego.

*Order of Council
about Col. Douglas's
proceedings in relation
to the murder of Col.
Park.*

*Mr. Pepper's memo-
rial and affidavits
relating thereto.*

*Capt. Narbury on
complaints exhibited
against him by Col.
Douglas*

with

his Lieut., Mr. Hay.

*Sir John St. Leger
justifying Col.
Douglas' complaints
against
the said Narbury.*

February 11. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

Their lordships again read the Order of Council of the 10th of the last month [fo. 74], mentioned in the minutes of the 15th ditto, directing them to consider how far Major Douglas, Governor of the Leeward Islands, had comply'd with his instructions, relating to the sending over some of the persons concerned in the murder of Colonel Park, and a memorial from Mr. Pepper, with copies of three affidavits, relating to the said murder, was also read.

Captain Narbury attending [fo. 74, 92], their lordships communicated to him what Colonel Douglas writes in his letter to the Earl of Dartmouth, dated at Antego the 27th of August, 1711, in relation to his not obeying the said Colonel Douglas's orders; whereupon he said that he never received but two in relation to the bringing over of prisoners, both which orders he punctually obeyed; that, some time before his coming away, he sent his Lieutenant, Mr. Hay, to Colonel Douglas to know if he had any orders for England, and to acquaint him that Captain Narbury had heard there had been depositions made against him; and, if so, to desire to see them; to which the said Colonel Douglas reply'd that he knew of none; that he came away from Antego the 27th of August last, and that the Governor had been there about two months before he left that island; that he might have sent over the principal planters, if he would, as well as these three officers; that there were 250 of the Queen's troops upon the island; that he did not conceive he could be in any apprehension from the New Assembly he had call'd, they being upon very good terms with him; that they had given him 500*l.* for purchasing horses and negroes, as also, by an Act pass'd the 4th of August last, appropriated the duty of impost on liquors to the sole use of Colonel Douglas (after the repayment of 540*l.* lent by Mr. Perry), to purchase a house for his residence; that he was told by several of the persons concern'd in the murder of Colonel Park, that they had agreed to give Colonel Douglas's bonds for 5,000*l.*, with interest at 10 *per cent.*, till the said bonds should be paid; that bills for 500*l.* more had been sent over by the said persons to Sir John St. Leger.

Then Lieutenant Hay being called in, he confirmed what Captain Narbury said in relation to his being sent to Colonel Douglas, and that he had been told by several persons there, particularly by Mr. Painter, Mr. Mackenin, and Mr. Watkins, that they were to give the Governor bonds for 5,000*l.* as aforesaid, and that it was for procuring a general pardon for the criminals.

These gentlemen being withdrawn, Sir John St. Leger was called in, and being acquainted with what Captain Narbury had said, he communicated to their lordships the extract of a letter from Colonel Douglas to Mr. Lewis, some paragraphs of which relate to the said Captain Narbury, which was read; and he added that it was not to be expected the Governor could have pursued the orders he carried over with him, for that, upon his arrival, he found the island in very great commotions; that he did dissolve the Assembly that was then sitting; that upon the new election all the same members were chose again except one, and that therefore,

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without force sent from hence, he durst not attempt to send over the principal offenders. Besides that, Captain Narbury had refused to bring over even witnesses against the three officers that were sent home, and he acquainted their lordships that there was one Martin here in town (whose affidavit he would in a day or two lay before their lordships), that was able to give them all the particulars of Captain Narbury's refusal as aforesaid; whereupon he was desired to bring the said Martin or his affidavit to their lordships on Friday morning next. And he added that, in relation to the 500*l.* said to be sent to him, he had not directly or indirectly received one farthing upon the account of the Governor.

Mr. Perry attending, presented to their lordships a memorial from the Royal African Company [*fo.* 81, 100] (in answer to a letter writ them the 8th instant), setting forth that there is an absolute necessity of a joint stock for the carrying on the trade to Africa &c.; which was read.

Trade.
*Memorial from the
African Company
about the necessity of
a joint stock.*

February 12. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Gwyn.

The secretary laid before their lordships the two following papers receiv'd from the African Company, which were read, vizt. :

An account of the annual charge of the Company's forts and settlements in Africa.

Particular valuation of the Company's forts, castles and factories in Africa.

Sir Robert Davers, Mr. Bromley, and Messieurs Heyshams, Mr. Harris, and several other separate traders, attending [*fo.* 81, 100, 104], they presented to their lordships a letter, in answer to that writ them the 7th instant, containing an account of the stock of the separate traders, and proposals for managing the trade to Africa in a regulated Company, which was read; and their lordships communicated to them the fore-mentioned papers from the Company; and they desiring to have copies thereof, the same were ordered accordingly.

Trade.
*African Company
papers.*

*Letter from the
separate traders.*

Stock, &c.

A letter from Colonel Douglas, Governor of the Leeward Islands, dated at St. Christopher's, the 28th of November, 1711, was read, and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

Leeward Islands.
*Letter from the
Governor.*

Address from the Council and Assembly of Nevis to Colonel Douglas for arms, ammunition and stores of war.

Papers referr'd to.

An account of stores &c., wanting in the Island of St. Christopher's.

February 14. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

Mr. Serjeant Webb attending [*fo.* 72, 105], as council in behalf of Mr. Thomas Finch, of Jamaica, and of his creditors there and here (mentioned in the minutes of the 22nd and 23rd of November last), and Mr. Hungerford attending, as council in behalf of Mr. Simpson and Mrs. Gandy (mention'd in the minutes of the 23rd of October and 23rd of November last), Mr. Serjeant Webb open'd the case of Mr. Finch and his creditors, as follows :

Jamaica.
*Hearing between
Finch, Simpson and
Gandy, on an Act
for vesting the said
Finch's estate in
trustees, &c.
Mr. Serjt. Webb.*

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State of the case.

The 5th of April, 1710, an Act was pass'd in Jamaica *for appropriating the sume of 5,000l. for the fitting out of two sloops or brigantines for the guarding the sea coast and better defence of this island*, and appoints Thomas Finch, Charles Gandy and Thomas Simpson, Commissioners for the execution of the Act, any two of them to act in the hiring or fitting out the said sloops, but by a clause in the Act the collector is to pay the said 5,000l. into the hands of the Commissioners.

The 15th of May, 1710, the said Commissioners enter'd into separate bonds to her Majesty in the penalty of 5,000l., that they shou'd each of them render a just account to any Assembly, when sitting, of the monies by them received for the services aforesaid. Simpson received 800l. of Mr. Chaplin, the collector, towards the said services; soon after which he and Gandy went to sea, where Gandy was killed. During their absence, Finch received 1,500l. of the said Chaplin.

After Simpson's return, he and Finch apply'd themselves to the business intended; but, as money came in slowly from the said Chaplin, Finch, on the 10th of April, 1711, inquired of Chaplain the reason, who told him that the money was wanting from him, he being indebted to the said Chaplin; upon which a dispute arose between them, and at last Finch, by threats and otherwise, did sign a receipt to Chaplain for 2,300l. and for 1,500l. above mentioned, making together 3,800l., though he had received but 1,500l. thereof.

The Assembly met the 17th of the said April, and inquiring what had been done in pursuance of the last-mentioned Act, Chaplain produced the said receipt of Finch.

Finch, in his justification, declared to the Assembly that he had only received the 1,500l. aforesaid, alledging the receipt for 3,800l. had been exacted from him by force; notwithstanding which, the Assembly expelled him their house, of which he was a member.

On the 8th of June, 1711, the Assembly pass'd another *Act for vesting the estate, real and personal, of the said Thomas Finch in trustees, the better to enable his sureties to pay the sum of 3,800l. due from the said Finch as Commissioner to the publick of this island.*

Upon which last-mentioned Act, he observed that the Act takes notice that it was pass'd at the suit of the said Finch, which is in fact directly contrary, for that he made all the opposition to it he was able; that he made an offer to the Assembly that, if they would give him a few months' time, he wou'd dispose of part of his estate to pay what he was charged with; that the Act vests his real and personal estate in trustees to enable the said Simpson and Mrs. Gandy, to pay the sum of 3,800l. aforesaid, but makes no provision for the overplus; which he observed was a great neglect in the Assembly, and a very great hardship upon the said Finch; besides that, by the laws of that island, real estates are not subject to pay debts; that there was no need of

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taking this extraordinary method of an Act, for that his sureties might have had their remedy at law ; that Finch never received but 1,500*l.* of Mr. Chaplin, the deputy collector, and that his receipt for the 3,800*l.* was extorted from him as aforementioned ; that by the Act for appropriating the sum of 5,000*l.* aforesaid, the said Chaplain was to pay the money to the Commissioners, so that his paying the 3,800*l.* to Finch only (if it was really so) was not according to the intent and meaning of the Act, and therefore Chaplain himself ought to be answerable for it ; that pursuant to this Act, the trustees have already seized and sold part of his estate for 420*l.*, for which they had been offer'd 600*l.* ; that the said Finch has a daughter who, by this Act, is cut off from what was provided for her by the marriage settlement ; that the creditors of the said Finch here in this kingdom had considerable effects of theirs in his hands, and his books being all seized, it is impossible to make a distinction which is theirs, and which is his estate, so that they are likely to be very great sufferers, if this Act be continued ; and therefore he hoped for the reasons aforesaid, and for that his sureties might have their remedy at law, their lordships would lay this Act before her Majesty for her disapprobation.

Then Mr. Hungerford said, that the reason why the Assembly took that extraordinary method of passing the Act was, that Finch absconded, and, though he had been summon'd several times, would not appear to justice ; that Simpson and Mrs. Gandy have actually paid the 3,800*l.*, and therefore it was necessary that they who did not receive the money should be indemnify'd ; that though he believ'd the forementioned Chaplin might in some things be to blame, yet Finch as sub-collector to the said Chaplin, having received several sums of money for him, was indebted to him ; that as his clients have already paid the money as aforesaid, he hoped their lordships would not lay the Act before her Majesty to be repealed, which would be a great hardship upon them.

Mr. Serjeant Webb took notice that Finch had never been a sub-collector* under Chaplain, but only a clerk in his office, and so had never received any of the publick money.

*Mr. Hungerford.
Reason for passing
the foresaid Act.*

*Mr. Serjeant Webb.
Finch never received
any publick money.*

February 15. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Gwyn.

Sir John St. Leger and Captain Narbury attending [*fo.* 82, 107], as they had been directed the 11th instant, Sir John presented to their lordships an affidavit of William Martin of Antegoa (now in England), sworn before Sir Charles Cox, the 14th instant, against Captain Narbury, which was read.

The said affidavit sets forth that the deponent, having in August last, taken his passage for this kingdom, on board her Majesty's ship the *Bedford* gally, Captain Lee comander, having letters from Major Douglas to the Earl of Dartmouth and others,

*Leeward Islands.
Sir John St. Leger
with Mr. Martin's
affidavit against
Capt. Narbury.*

* [Note in right hand margin :—] Vide another hearing the 25th of February, 17¹³/₁₄.

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Captain Narbury, the comodore, suspecting the deponent was coming home with articles against the inhabitants of Antegoa, or to be an evidence against them, sent an order to the said Captain Lee not to take this deponent, or any of the inhabitants of Antegoa, on board as passengers for England ; that the deponent then gave security in the secretary's office in the penalty of 2,000*l.* for the payment of his debts, notwithstanding which the said Captain Lee, pursuant to the orders from Captain Narbury, refused to bring him home, so that he was obliged to take his passage in a merchant-man.

His reply thereto.

To this Captain Narbury answer'd, that 'twas true he did give Captain Lee an order not to bring home any of the inhabitants that were in debt, there being a law in that island forbidding the same ; and the said Martin owing at Antegoa 2 or 3,000*l.*, besides a great deal more in some of the other Leeward Islands, was the reason that he forbid the bringing him off ; he denied that ever he had heard or had been told by any person that the said Martin was coming over as evidence against the offenders, or that he had letters for the Earl of Dartmouth or others.

The affidavit further sets forth that 20 days after the fleet's departure, the owners' *Adventure* (in which ship the deponent was) sprung her foremast, and so could not keep up with the fleet ; Captain Narbury being informed thereof by Samuel Cozens and Edward Troward, and that the deponent was on board, and Serjeant Bows, the principal evidence for the Queen, the said Captain Narbury declared he wou'd not take care of the said ship, for no other reason but that the deponent and Bows were aboard ; and accordingly the commodore crowded and made the best of his way, and left the said shipowners' *Adventure* in distress five weeks without convoy till she arrived at Appledoor in the west of England.

To this Captain Narbury said (and called in his Lieutenant, Mr. Hay, who confirmed the same), that when the forementioned Cozens and Troward came on board, they only told him that Martin and another passenger in that ship had quarrel'd, and that person was come on board one of their ships, and therefore they desired him the said Narbury to bring too, till that person's trunk and cloaths could be got out of the said owners' *Adventure* ; to which he told them that it being stormy he could not then bring too, but would do it in the morning, which he did accordingly ; that he constantly brought too every day, for three weeks together, two hours in the morning and two hours in the evening, that the fleet might keep up with him ; and both he and his Lieutenant absolutely deny'd that the said Cozens and Troward ever acquainted him with the distress of the owners' *Adventure*.

The affidavit further sets forth that Major Douglas sent some wounded soldiers on board Captain Narbury's or Captain Lee's ship, to be transported to this kingdom as evidence for the Queen, but that they were set on shore at the island of St. Christopher's ; that the Governor then sent a positive order to Captain Lee to bring them home at his peril.

To this Captain Narbury reply'd, that he had no orders, directly nor indirectly, from the General in relation to the said soldiers ;

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that one of the officers at Antegoa spoke to him to bring 'em home, but did not mention their being evidence; that he acquainted the said officer he was willing to bring 'em home, if they were provided with bedding and provisions, but that he could not do it otherwise, his instructions from the Lords of the Admiralty being to the contrary; to which that officer reply'd, that he wou'd write to the Captain of those soldiers, who was at St. Christopher's, to that purpose, when they came to St. Christopher's, and that Captain Narbury spoke to the Captain of the soldiers about their passage, the said Captain refused to give 'em either bedding or provisions, whereupon Captain Narbury order'd them to be put on shore; that the Governor's foremention'd order to Captain Lee was so far from taking notice that they were to come as evidence, that it expressly declares they were to come on the regiment's service; all this was also confirm'd by Lieutenant Haye.

The affidavit further sets forth that Captain Narbury was frequently caballing with the enemies of the late Colonel Parke.

To which the Captain replyd that 'twas true he had often dined at the houses of some of the principal offenders, and that Major Douglas was there every time with him.

Then being asked what he knew, particularly in relation to the 5,000*l.* bond that was to be given to the Governor, he said that Mr. Painter, Mr. Mackenin and Mr. Watkins (three of the offenders) had told him that six of them were to give the said bond to the Governor for his procuring a general pardon.

Sir John St. Legar hereupon called in Mr. Foy (lately come from the Leeward Islands), who said that he was at Nevis when Major Douglas came there; that a little time after Mr. Trent, one of the principal offenders at Antegoa, came thither also, and brought letters to the Governor from the said offenders; that he was told that the said letters contain'd an offer of 5,000*l.* to the Governor, provided he cou'd procure a general pardon; that the Governor, upon reading the said letters, was very angry, and tore them, and writ a very severe reprimand to the people of Antegoa for offering him a thing of that nature.

Then Sir John St. Legar, being asked whether he had not received bills for 500*l.* from thence, he said that he had from the people of Antegoa as their agent; but finding difficulty in the business, he had turned it over to Mr. Nevin, who was their former agent, and had paid him the money.

Mr. Chester, who paid the said money to Sir John St. Legar, and Mr. Nevin, were called in; and Mr. Chester said that Sir John St. Legar had brought to him a bill drawn on him by Doctor Mackenny for 500*l.* at 20 days' sight, which he paid, and he believed it was sent by the people of Antegoa to Sir John as their agent; and Mr. Nevin said that he had received the money from Sir John, and that it was intended to bear the charges of the agent of those people, during his endeavours to get a pardon for them.

Their lordships then enquiring about the 500*l.* said to be given to the Governor for horses and negroes, Sir John St. Legar said that it appears by the minutes of the Council in Assembly of Antegoa, of the 19th of July last, that an order was signed by the Council

*Mr. Foy.**Mr. Chester.*

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directing the treasurer to purchase horses and negroes to the value of 500*l.* for the Governor, and sent to the Assembly for them to sign also, but it does not appear by any of the said minutes that the said order was signed by the Assembly.

Sir John St. Legar being acquainted that the Governor, in passing an Act appropriating the duty on liquors to his use, had not comply'd with his instructions, that duty amounting to considerably more than he is allow'd to receive for house-rent, Sir John said that he was not at present apprized of that matter, and therefore desired leave to wait upon their lordships another day on that subject, which their lordships agreed to.

Plantations General.
Representation about stores of war.

A representation [*fo.* 71] relating to the want of a fund for supplying the plantations with stores of war from time to time, was signed.

Maryland.
Memorial about a Governor.

A memorial from some Maryland merchants [*fo.* 65, 120], praying that a Governor may be sent to that province, was read.

Miscellanies.
Mr. Drift.
Additional salary.

Ordered that one hundred pounds *per annum* be added to Mr. Drift's salary by inserting 25 pounds in each quarterly account of incident charges of this office, for extraordinary service.

Miscellanies.
Letter to the Lord Treasurer with account of incidents.

February 18. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

An account of incident charges of this office from Michaelmas, 1711, to Christmas following, were laid before the Board, and are as follows :—

The secretary's account of petty expences from Michaelmas, 1711, to Christmas following, amounting to	l.	s.	d.
	62	6	0
The stationer's account for the same time, amounting to	28	14	11
The post officer's account for the same time, amounting to	38	2	11
In all	129	3	10

And a letter to the Lord High Treasurer, to desire the payment thereof, as also of the salaries due to this office, was signed.

Barbadoes.
Draught of a representation on a private Act.

The draught of a representation upon an Act pass'd at Barbadoes the 21st of March, 1709 [*fo.* 72, 102], entituled *An Act to render more effectual certain legacies given and bequeath'd by Captain Williams, deceased, to the parish of Christ Church, within this island*, which was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

Maryland.
Barbadoes.
Letter to Mr. Borret to solicit the dispatch of Mr. Attorney and Solicitor General's report on Acts, &c.

The secretary acquainting their lordships that there were in the hands of Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor General several Acts of Maryland and other papers relating to Barbadoes, which had been sent to them the 27th of November, 1710, and 3rd January, 1711, for their opinion upon the same, ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Borret, to solicit the dispatch of their reports thereupon.

Trade
to Africa.
Great officers summoned.

Their lordships taking into consideration the trade to Africa [*fo.* 85, 104], letters were writ to the great officers of this Commission, to desire their presence at the Board on Thursday next.

A petition from Major-General Handasyd, late Governor of Jamaica [fo. 101], to her Majesty, relating to his regiment there, was read; whereupon ordered that it be sent to the Lord Lansdown, Secretary at War.

Ordered that the draught of a representation be prepared, proposing Mr. Warner and Mr. Matthews as persons fitly qualify'd to be members of her Majesty's Council of Antegoa.

February 19. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Gwyn.

A representation [fo. 79, 160], proposing Mr. Edward Warner and Mr. William Matthews to be members of her Majesty's Council of Antego, was signed.

A letter to the Lord Lansdown, Secretary at War [fo. 100, 104], inclosing the petition from Major-General Handasyd to her Majesty, relating to his regiment in Jamaica, read yesterday, was signed.

A letter to the Earl of Dartmouth, upon a petition and memorial of the Turkey Company [fo. 52], mentioned in the minutes of the 21st December last, touching what they desire may be obtain'd for them at the ensuing Treaty of Peace, was sign'd.

Another letter to the Earl of Dartmouth [fo. 81], upon the petitions of the Hudson's Bay Company to her Majesty, mentioned in the minutes of 21st December and 8th of February last, relating to what they desire may be stipulated for them at the ensuing Treaty of Peace, was likewise signed.

A representation proposing the repeal of an Act past in Barbadoes the 21st March, 1709 [fo. 100, 216], entituled *An Act to render more effectual certain legacies given and bequeath'd by Captain Williams, deceased, to the parish of Christ Church, within this island*, agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

Mr. Tryon attending [fo. 158], he presented to the Board a memorial in behalf of Mr. George Millikin, relating to his being removed from the Council of Nevis by Colonel Douglas, Governor of the Leeward Islands, without the said Governor's assigning any reasons for his so doing, was read.

Reference from Mr. Secretary St. John upon the petition of Sir John Lambert, praying for a pass for the *Brandon* frigate to sail from the Downes to Ostend, and from thence to Cadiz, and to return to Great Britain with her loading from thence, was read; and Mr. James Brandon, master of the said frigate, attending, he communicated to the Board a certificate and an oath, that the property of the ship and cargo was in her Majesty's subjects, and also shew'd to their lordships a Mediterranean pass from the Lords of the Admiralty; whereupon an answer to Mr. Secretary St. John's said reference, signifying that the Board had no objection against the granting of such a pass, was signed.

February 20. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

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Jamaica.

Petition of Major General Handasyd relating to his regiment sent to Lord Lansdown.

Antego.

Draught of a representation proposing two new counsellors.

Antego.

Representation proposing two new counsellors.

Jamaica.

Letter to the Lord Lansdown with Major General Handasyd's petition.

Trade.

Letter to the Earl of Dartmouth touching what the Turkey Company desire at the ensuing treaty.

Hudson's Bay.

Letter to the Earl of Dartmouth about the Company's desire at the ensuing treaty.

Barbadoes.

Representation repealing a private Act.

Nevis.

Mr. Millikin's memorial about his being removed from the Council.

Trade.

Reference from Mr. Secretary St. John on Sir John Lambert's petition praying a pass for the Brandon frigate.

Answer.

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Trade.

*Letter from Mr.
Secretary St. John
on a memorial about
duties on linnens from
Prussia.*

Trade.

*African papers con-
sider'd.
Company and separate
traders summon'd.*

A letter from Mr. Secretary St. John, dated the 31st of December, 1711 [fo. 55, 105], upon a memorial from the Prussian Resident, complaining of duties on foreign linnen, mentioned in the minutes of the 8th of January last, as also another letter from him, dated the 6th instant, upon the same subject, were read ; and directions given for preparing the draught of an answer thereto.

Their lordships then taking into consideration the papers from the Royal African Company and separate traders [fo. 85, 100, 108], mentioned in the minutes of the 12th instant, ordered that Mr. Pindar, for the Company, and Mr. Harris and Mr. Morris, for the separate traders, have notice to attend the Board to-morrow morning at ten of the clock.

Jamaica.

*Letter from the Lord
Lansdown touching
Major General
Handasyd's petition
about his regiment.*

Trade.

*Answer about duties
on linnens from
Prussia.*

Jamaica.

*Representation pro-
posing the repeal of
an Act for vesting the
estate of Mr. Finch,
&c.*

February 21. Present :—Sir John Leake, Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

A letter from the Lord Lansdown, Secretary at War, of the 19th instant [fo. 101], in answer to one writ him the 18th ditto, inclosing the petition of Major-General Handasyd, late Governor of Jamaica, relating to his regiment there, acquainting this Board that that matter is already under the consideration of the Comptrollers of Accounts of the Army, was read.

A letter to Mr. Secretary St. John [fo. 103], directed at the last meeting, upon the memorial from the Prussian Resident, complaining of the duties laid here on foreign linnens, was sign'd.

A representation upon her Majesty's Order of Council, of the 17th of September last [fo. 87, 230], on the petition of Mr. Thomas Simpson, and the widow of Charles Gandy, of Port Royal, in Jamaica, praying to be reliev'd from the prosecution of Mr. Chaplin, collector there, for moneys pretended to be issued by the said Chaplin to Mr. Thomas Finch, and proposing the repeal of an Act pass'd in that island for vesting the estate of the said Finch in trust &c., passed the 8th of June, 1711, was agreed, and signed.

A memorial from Mr. Walton [fo. 73], in answer to a letter writ him the 2nd instant, relating to the Virgin Islands, was read.

Leeward Islands.

*Mr. Walton's
memorial.*

Virgin Islands.

February 25. Present :—Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

An Order of Council, of 13th December, 1711, relating to the complaints against Mr. Jones, secretary and provost marshal of Bermuda, directing this Board to make report thereon without allowing any proofs to be made against the records of nine several convictions against the said Jones, was read ; and directions were given [fo. 78, 109] for preparing the draught of a representation thereupon, proposing Mr. William Hyde to succeed the said Jones, as secretary and provost marshal of that island.

Bermuda.

*Order of Council.
Complaints against
Jones.*

*Mr. Hyde reco-
mended to succeed
him.*

Leeward Islands.

*Extract of a letter
from the Governor.*

A letter from the Earl of Dartmouth, of the 12th instant, referring to the Board the extract of a letter to his lordship from Major Douglas, Governor of the Leeward Islands, relating to his government there, was read.

A letter from Mr. Thomas Harley, referring, by order of the Lord High Treasurer, to their lordships a memorial from the Earl of Orkney, relating to the rent of a house for Colonel Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, &c., was read; whereupon order'd [fo. 108] that Colonel Blakiston and Mr. Micajah Perry have notice to attend their lordships on Wednesday morning next.

Sir John St. Leger attending [fo. 92, 115], and desiring to know when he might wait on their lordships in relation to the matters depending before them concerning Major Douglas, Governor of the Leeward Islands, he was acquainted that their lordships would be ready on Wednesday morning next to hear what he had further to offer upon that matter.

A letter from Mr. Whitworth of the 3rd of January last [fo. 16], in answer to one writ him the 13th of November, 1711, promising to send their lordships an account of the method of making tar in Russia.

A letter from Mr. Hodges, Attorney General of Barbadoes, of the 13th instant, to the secretary [fo. 45], acquainting him that her Majesty has been pleased to grant him six months longer to be absent from Barbadoes, was read.

A memorial from Sir Thomas Laurence, in behalf of Mr. Vernon, an inhabitant in Maryland, against an Act pass'd in that province for confirming the last will and testament of Mr. Thomas Knighton, deceas'd, praying that the said Act may not be passed till the said Vernon, who is coming for England, be heard to what he may have to offer thereupon, was read; whereupon their lordships agreed to respite the same till his arrival accordingly.

Their lordships then taking into consideration the trade to Africa [fo. 104, 110], they agreed to go upon the same again on Thursday morning next, and letters to the Great Lords of this Commission, to acquaint them therewith, were signed.

February 27. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Gwyn.

Colonel Blakeston and Mr. Perry attending [fo. 107, 124], their lordships communicated to them the Earl of Orkney's memorial, relating to the rent of a house for Colonel Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, referr'd to their lordships by Mr. Harley's letter of the 21st of the last month; and being asked several questions thereupon, they said that Colonel Spotswood had received, before his departure from hence, an order giving him leave to take to himself the sume of 150*l.* *per annum* for house-rent for two years, or till the house for the Governor shou'd be built; that the said rent was paid out of the two shillings per hogshead on tobacco, and that if he could obtain leave to receive the said allowance for two years more, they said that they beleived the house wou'd in that time be finish'd. These gentlemen being withdrawn, their lordships gave directions for preparing the draught of a letter to the Lord High Treasurer, in answer to the aforementioned reference, read the 25th instant.

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Virginia.

Reference from the Treasury about house-rent for the Governor.

Leeward Islands.

Sir John St. Leger about the Governor.

New York.

New England.

Method of making tar in Russia.

Barbadoes.

Letter from Mr. Hodges about his leave to be absent six months.

Maryland.

Memorial in behalf of Mr. Vernon about an Act confirming the will of Mr. Knighton. Consideration thereof respite till Vernon arrives.

Trade.

Africa.

Virginia.

Earl of Orkney's memorial about house-rent for the Governor communicated to Col. Blakiston and Mr. Perry. Their observations upon it.

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Bermuda.

Representation recommending Mr. Hyde to succeed Jones as secretary and provost marshal.

The draught of a representation, upon an Order of Council of 13th December last [fo. 106, 113], relating to the complaints against Mr. Jones, secretary and provost marshal of Bermuda, proposing a new secretary and provost marshal to be appointed, and recommending Mr. William Hyde to her Majesty as a person fitly qualify'd to serve her Majesty in that station, was agreed, and order'd to be transcribed.

February 28. Present :—Lord High Treasurer, Sir John Leake, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

Trade.

*Separate traders.
African Company.
Proposals.*

Mr. Morice and Mr. Harris attending in behalf of the separate traders to Africa [fo. 108, 112], they presented to their lordships some further proposals in relation to the settlement of the trade to Africa, the substance of which is as follows : That if they shall be incorporated in a regulated Company they will be obliged to export in goods to the value of one hundred thousand pounds *per annum* ; that they will be subject to her Majesty's directions in relation to the number of negroes to be supply'd to the plantations ; that they will supply the Spanish Assiento ; that they will give such security for the performance of all this as shall be thought proper by Parliament ; that they will appoint consuls on the coast of Africa, with sufficient quantities of goods for paying grown'd rent, dasheys, and other expences.

Upon which proposals being asked several questions, they said that as to the security to be given by them, in case the common seal of the Regulated Company, or the forts in Africa when purchased from the Company, and the 10 *per cent.* duty, which may be augmented to 15 or 18, if it be thought proper, should not be thought sufficient, they were willing to raise among themselves such a sum of money as shall be thought fit by Parliament, and make a deposit of it in the bank.

As to the purchasing of the forts from the present Company, they said that when there shall be a reasonable and impartial valuation of the said forts, they were willing to pay the Company out of the duty of 10 or 15 *per cent.*, or give the Company their bonds payable at certain times, and upon failure of payment of any of the said bonds what had been paid before shall be lost to the said Regulated Company.

Then being asked what quantity of goods that trade might take off a year, they said that they did not doubt in time of peace it would take at least 150,000*l.* *per annum*, in proof of which they laid before their lordships an account of the 10 *per cent.* duty paid in three years of peace, vizt., 1699, 1700, 1701, amounting to about 14,000*l.* *per annum*, and of the last two years of this war, amounting to 6,400*l.* *per annum*.

They were then desired to lay before their lordships a scheme of what privileges they desired as a Regulated Company, which they promised to do on Monday morning next.

Trade.

*Mr. Pindar in behalf
of the African
Company.*

Mr. Pindar, in behalf of the Royal African Company, attending [fo. 110, 116], their lordships communicated to him the above-mentioned proposals of the separate traders ; whereupon he said

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that he did not conceive it possible for them to do what they propose ; that it was only an exclusive Company that cou'd manage and improve that trade ; that in the begining of this Company they had a stock of 130,000*l.*, 40,000*l.* of which was paid to the old Company for their forts and settlements, and that they then exported in goods and manufactures of this kingdom to the value of 80,000*l.* or 90,000*l.* a year ; and that the trade is capable in time of peace of being very much improved ; that a stock of 500,000*l.* would be sufficient to carry on the trade ; that the Company could raise such a stock, including the value of their forts and debts in the plantations.

Then being asked what was the present state of the Company, with relation to their credit in the plantations, they said that the Company owed upon bonds about 250,000*l.* ; that there was due to them from the plantations 180,000*l.*, which being deducted from 250,000*l.*, there remains about 70,000*l.*

A representation, directed at the last meeting [*fo.* 109], relating to the complaints against Mr. Jones, secretary and provost marshal of Bermuda, and recommending Mr. William Hyde to succeed him in that station, was agreed and signed.

Bermuda.
*Representation on
complaints against
Mr. Jones.
A new secretary
recommended.*

March 3. Present :—Lord High Treasurer, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

An anonymous letter to their lordships, dated the 28th of the last month, subscribed J.B., giving an account that there are two small frigats, from 10 to 18 guns a peice, loading bale goods at Newport and Dunkirk for Cadiz, and that they have got some friends at Ostend to write to their correspondence here, to procure her Majesty's passes for the said ships as going from Ostend ; that a sham sale has been made of a Flemish built ship of 10 or 12 guns now in the river, lately come from Ostend, in order to obtain her Majesty's pass to go to Ostend, and from thence to Cadiz ; that there is another ship of 16 or 18 guns a coming over from Ostend on the same design ; was read ; whereupon an advertisement to be put into the *Gazette* was agreed, that if the person who wrote the said letter will come any morning to their lordships' office in the Cockpit, Whitehall, and give them some further information about that matter, he shall have all fitting encouragement and protection.

Trade.
*Anonymous letter
about illegal trade
design'd to be carried
on from Newport
and Dunkirk to
Cadiz.*

Sir John St. Leger, with Colonel Thomas and Mr. Anthony Foy, attending in relation to the Act passed at Antego the 4th August, 1711, entituled *An Act appropriating the duty and impost on liquors to the sole use of the Governor in Chief after the sum of 540*l.* lent by Mr. Perry shall be repaid to purchase a house for his residence*, and being asked what the value of the duty of liquors might amount to, Colonel Thomas said that he had been five years together of a Committee of the Assembly appointed to examine the accounts of that island, and that during that time the amount of the said duty never was above 800*l.* *per annum*, mony of that island, and he added that he beleived from what he has heard that the said duty is considerably decreased. Mr. Foy said that he had spoke to Peter Biggs, when he was here in England about three months ago,

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*Sir John St. Leger,
&c. about an Act
appropriating the
duty on liquors
to purchase a house
for the Governor.*

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*Mr. Martin's
affidavit.
Amount of the duty
on liquors.*

*Antego.
Enquiry made how
Major Douglas had
executed his commis-
sion about sending
over criminals.*

Answer.

who informed him that he had been clerk to the treasurer three years; that the said duty for the two first years did not amount to 500*l.* *per annum* Antego money, and the last not to 400*l.*, and Sir John produced the affidavit of Mr. Martin of Antego, now in this kingdom, setting forth that by the best enquiry he was able to make at Antego the amount of the said duty did not exceed 600*l.* money of that island *per annum*.

Then their lordships inquiring how Major Douglas had executed his commission [fo. 107, 156], in relation to the sending over the criminals, and particularly why he did not seize Mr. Trant, who appears by the affidavit of Serjeant Bows to be one of the ring-leaders, when he came to him to Nevis, Sir John St. Leger called in the said serjeant who, being examined, said that he did see the said Trant amongst the people who came to Colonel Park's house, but that he was not armed, and that the said Trant saved the life of his captain, Captain Nowel, who had been wounded in the Governor's defence, and kept him at his own house about a fortnight; that when Major Douglas arrived at Antego, there were but 130 of the Queen's soldiers there, of which not above 30 were armed, the inhabitants having, upon the murder of Colonel Parke, taken the arms from the rest; that the said inhabitants, to the number of about 700, were all armed, so that Major Douglas durst not attempt the seizing any of them.

Sir John St. Leger added that Major Douglas had writ to him that he had restored the arms to the soldiers, and given orders for their being mended; that not daring to depend upon these soldiers that he found at Antego, he had sent them to the other islands in his Government, and brought others to Antego, and that he would send over six of the principal offenders.

Sir John being withdrawn, their lordships agreed to respite this matter till the next letters come in from the Leeward Islands.

*Trade.
Africa.
Separate traders'
scheme for improving
of commerce thither.*

Mr. Morris and Mr. Harris, in behalf of the separate traders, attending [fo. 112, 117], as they had been directed on Thursday last, presented to their lordships a scheme of rules and provisions, which they thought necessary for the better carrying on, improving and increasing the trade to Africa; which was read; to which they added that the case of the Turkey Company, and the African Company were the same, for that till the year 1605 the said Turkey Company was exclusive; that the Russian Company was likewise exclusive till of late years, since which the trade to Russia has been very considerably increased. Then being asked whether they intended, after they had deposited in the bank as proposed by them, that any person should come in upon paying 5*l.* only without contributing their share to the said deposit, they said they intended it so.

These gentlemen being withdrawn, their lordships gave directions for preparing the draught of a representation, stating what had been offer'd by both sides.

March 4. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

Mr. Pindar, with several of the Royal African Company, attending [fo. 116, 118], he presented to their lordships an account of eight years' exports of the said Company, and eight years' exports of the separate traders; which was read.

Mr. Morris, from the separate traders, sent in to their lordships [fo. 117] an account of 56 ships lost by them between Michaelmas, 1707, and 1711; which was read.

Then their lordships took into consideration the draught of a representation relating to the trade to Africa, and made a progress therein.

March 5. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

Their lordships again took into consideration the draught of a representation relating to the settlement of the trade to Africa [fo. 117, 119, 124], and made a progress therein, and ordered that copies of the said draught be sent to the Great Lords for their information, and that they be acquainted that their lordships will meet again on Fryday next upon that matter.

A letter from Mr. Harris to the secretary [fo. 118, *vide infra*], explaining himself of what he had formerly offer'd to the Board, relating to the trade to Africa, was read.

March 7. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore. Mr. Gwyn.

Mr. Pindar attending, and being asked whether by his proposal of 500,000*l.*, for a joint stock, he included the value of their forts and settlements on the coast of Africa, he said he did not, and then withdrew.

Mr. Harris and Mr. Morice also attending [*vide supra*, fo. 122], and being asked whether the deposit they had proposed to put in the bank was a security that they would annually export to Africa 100,000*l.*, and keep a sufficient quantity of goods in the forts and settlements; they said that, if no other security would be accepted, they would do it, but they hoped it would not be required of them; and they added that they chose rather to abide by the 4th article in their proposals, read the 28th of the last month, vizt., to give such security touching the management of the African trade as shall be thought fit by Parliament.

Two memorials from several merchants trading to Maryland [fo. 98, *vide infra*], praying that a Governor may be sent to that province, mentioned in the minutes of the 15th of the last month, were again read; and directions given for preparing a representation thereupon, proposing that Mr. Tobias Bowles, mentioned in one of the said memorials, may be appointed Governor of that province, and further ordered that Mr. Bowles have notice to attend the Board on Monday morning next.

March 10. Present:—Mr. Secretary St. John, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

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Trade.

African Company with their and separate traders' exports for 8 years.

Trade.

Account of ships lost by the separate traders in 4 years.

Africa.

Representation.

Trade.

Africa.

Draught of a representation.

Copies thereof sent to the great Lords.

Trade.

Letter from Mr. Harris.

African trade.

Trade.

Mr. Pindar.

Proposal.

Africa.

Separate traders' African trade proposals.

Maryland.

Merchants' memorials about a Governor for that Province. Representation thereupon.

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Maryland.

Mr. Bowles recommended to be Governor.

Mr. Bowles attending [*vide supra*], as he had been directed, was acquainted that he had been recommended to their lordships by several merchants for the government of Maryland, and being asked whether he had any knowledge of the affairs of that province, he said that he had been there often, and was very well apprized of the nature of the trade and constitution of that place; that he hoped, if he was honoured with her Majesty's commission for that government, to be able to redress a great many abuses committed there in the curing and packing of tobacco; and to get good laws passed for the encouragement of the merchants residing here and trading thither, and for facilitating the recovery of their just debts. And he being withdrawn, their lordships agreed the draught of a representation recommending him to her Majesty for that government, and ordered the same to be transcribed.

Representation thereon agreed to.

March 12. Present:—Lord High Treasurer, Earl of Dartmouth, Mr. Secretary St. John, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Earl of Winchelsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

A representation, proposing Mr. Tobias Bowles to be Governor of Maryland [*fo. 121*], as directed the 10th instant, was signed.

Maryland.

Representation. New Governor.

Trade.

Letter from Mr. Secretary St. John with extract of one from Mr. Jeffrys about trade to the Baltick.

A letter from Mr. Secretary St. John, of the 29th of the last month, referring to the Board the extract of a letter from Mr. Jeffrys, her Majesty's Minister with the King of Sweden, relating to our trade to the Baltick, was read; and their lordships agreed to take the same into consideration on Fryday morning next.

Africa.

Separate traders desire to explain themselves on three articles.

Sir Robert Davers, Mr. Heysham, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Onslow, Mr. Lowther, with several of the separate traders to Africa, attending [*fo. 119*], acquainted their lordships that there was a report on the Exchange, as if they had come into an exclusive joint stock, which was never their intention; and therefore, if Mr. Harris and Mr. Morris had agreed to anything of that nature, it was without their knowledge and consent; and they desire to explain themselves upon three articles, to wit, the price of negroes to be sold in the plantations, the necessity of enlarging the forts and settlements, and the necessity of maintaining and increasing the alliances.

As to the price of negro's, they said it was impossible to settle the same here, for that would always depend upon the quantity and goodness of the negro's imported, so that they could not submit to any regulation to be made here in relation to the price of negro's in the plantations.

In relation to the necessity of enlarging the forts and settlements, they said that they never were of opinion that forts and settlements were necessary for carrying on of that trade; that they did indeed, to avoid dispute, agree that the forts and settlements now on the coast should be maintain'd; but they did not think it necessary others should be erected, for that they carry on their trade chiefly where there are no forts at all.

As to the necessity of maintaining and increasing of alliances, they said that, as the charge thereof was very inconsiderable, they

would not make any objection thereunto, though they did not agree they were necessary.

These gentlemen being withdrawn, a representation relating to the trade to Africa [*fo.* 118, *vide infra*], mentioned in the minutes of the 5th instant, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

March 15. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Gwyn.

A representation, relating to the settlement of the trade to Africa [*vide supra*], agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

A letter to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of the Earl of Orkney [*fo.* 108], relating to house-rent for Colonel Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

March 17. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Gwyn.

A letter from Mr. Secretary St. John, of the 8th instant, inclosing the extract of a resolution of the States General, about the raising a fund for maintaining the Imperial troops in Flanders, was read ; whereupon ordered [*fo.* 132, 133] that a copy of the said extract be sent to Mr. Dorpere, Mr. London and Mr. Josiah Diston, for their opinion in writing thereupon.

A letter from Mr. Secretary St. John, of the 12th instant, referring to their lordships a petition from the city of Exeter, relating to the importation of our woollen manufacture into the Emperor's dominions, was read ; whereupon ordered [*fo.* 126] that Mr. Snel, member of Parliament for that city, be desired to come to the Board on Wednesday morning next.

March 19. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn.

Mr. Snel, member of Parliament for Exeter, attending, as he had been desired [*fo.* 125, 128], their lordships communicated to him the petition from Exeter to the House of Commons, relating to the importation of British woollen manufactures into the Emperor's hereditary dominions ; whereupon he said that petition had been sent to him, as several former petitions had been, and all that they desir'd was, that her Majesty would be graciously pleased, by her minister at the Emperor's Court, to use her endeavours that the limitation of the quantities of crown rash and other woollen manufactures, to be imported into the Emperor's hereditary dominions, and of the time of importation thereof (which amounts to a prohibition) be taken off. Whereupon he was told that their lordships would consider the same, and lay it before her Majesty at a convenient opportunity.

Order'd, that an abstract be made of what has formerly been transacted in this matter.

March 20. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Moore.

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Trade.
Africa.
Representation.

Trade.
Africa.
Representation.

Virginia.
Letter to the Lord
Treasurer about house-
rent for the Governor.

Trade.
States General's
resolution about main-
taining the Imperial
troops in Flanders.
Sent to Mr. Dorpere.

Petition from Exeter
about importation of
the woollen manufac-
ture into Germany.
Mr. Snel summon'd.

Trade.
Mr. Snel explaining
the petition from
Exeter about impor-
tation of the woollen
manufacture into
Germany.

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Trade.

Letter from Mr. Secretary St. John about Mr. Jackson's removing the obstructions to commerce at Stockholm, &c.

Letters to the Eastland Company and Mr. Joy thereupon.

St. Christopher's.

Mr. Duport's petition in behalf of Mr. Willet to be of the Council.

Trade.

Petition from Exeter.

Mr. Palmes summoned thereupon.

A letter from Mr. Secretary St. John [fo. 162, 177], signifying that Mr. Jackson, her Majesty's Resident at Stockholm, had hopes of removing the obstructions to the British commerce in that country, and desiring an account of the ships and cargo's belonging to her Majesty's subjects that have been taken by the Danes and Swedes and carry'd into their ports, with an estimate of the damage received, was read; whereupon ordered [fo. 158] that letters be writ to the Eastland Company and to Mr. Joy, to desire to know what they may have to offer on the first part of the said letter, and that they would give their lordships an account of British ships taken as above.

Mr. Duport attending, his petition to their lordships in behalf of Mr. Willet, praying that he may be appointed a member of the Council of St. Christopher's in the room of Mr. Peters, deceased, was read; whereupon ordered that the said Willet's name be put on the list of persons recommended to fill up vacancies in the Council of that island.

Their lordships, taking into consideration the petition of the city of Exeter [fo. 126], mentioned in yesterday's minutes, relating to the importation of the British woollen manufactures into the Emperour's hereditary dominions, ordered [fo. 143] that a letter be writ to Mr. Palmes (formerly her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary to that Court), to desire to speak with him on Thursday morning next, or on any other day convenient to him.

March 24. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Gwyn.

A letter from Mr. Secretary St. John, inclosing a copy of the address from the House of Commons to her Majesty, of 20th instant, desiring that a copy of a letter from the Governor of the Leeward Islands to this Board, touching the regiment there, may be laid before that House, was read; and the following papers being laid before their lordships, Mr. Gwyn was desired to present them to the House, which he promised to do accordingly.

The said papers are as follows:—

Extract of a letter from Colonel Park, late Governor of the Leeward Islands, dated the 4th May, 1709, relating to the regiment there.

Copy of a letter from the late Colonel Park to Colonel Jones, upon the same subject, dated 8th April, 1709.

Copy of another letter from Colonel Park, dated 24th April, 1710, about hardships the soldiers there lye under.

Copy of a petition of the soldiers to Colonel Park upon the same subject.

Extract of a letter from Major Douglas of 28th November, 1711, touching the regiment.

Extract of the minutes of this Board of 3rd March, 1711, relating to the account given by Serjeant Bows.

Sent to the House of Commons the 24th March, 1711.

A letter from Mr. Secretary St. John, inclosing the Address from the House of Commons to her Majesty of the 21st instant, wherein they desire a copy of that from Jamaica, relating to the

*Leeward Islands.
Address from the House of Commons for copy of Col. Park's letter about the regiment there.
The same presented to the House by Mr. Gwyn.*

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Jamaica.

Address from the House of Commons for a copy of that from Jamaica about trade to Africa.

trade to Africa, was read ; and a copy of the said address being laid before their lordships, Mr. Gwyn was desired to present the same to the House, which he promised to do accordingly.

A letter from Sir Edward Gold, of 21st instant [*fo.* 4], promising to lay before their lordships a state of the Italian trade, was read ; and order'd that Sir Edward have notice that their lordships will be ready to receive the same on Fryday morning next.

A letter from Mr. Secretary St. John, of 18th instant [*fo.* 51, 131], inclosing the draught of a Treaty of Marine and Commerce with France, was read ; and their lordships gave directions that all the papers in this office relating thereto be laid before them at their next meeting.

March 26, 1712. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Gwyn.

Their lordships took into consideration the draught of a Treaty Marine and of Commerce with France [*fo.* 130, 134], mentioned in the minutes of the 24th instant, and read 15 of the articles thereof, and ordered [*fo.* 144] that letters be writ to Sir John Lambert, Mr. Stephen Seignoret, Mr. Samuel Shephard, Mr. Samuel Lock, Mr. Laurence Galdie, Sir Patrick Johnson, Sir William Johnson and Mr. Thomas Smith, to desire them to consult with such gentlemen as they should think proper, and to let their lordships have, as soon as they could conveniently, what they may have to offer in relation to the said Treaty.

March 27. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

Colonel Scot, Mr. Tryon and several other Barbadoes merchants, and planters, attending, Colonel Scot presented to their lordships a memorial setting forth that he had been formerly a member of that Council, was now going over thither again, and praying that he may have a mandamus to be restored to his place and precedence in the said Council on the first vacancy that shall happen therein, was read, and some of the said planters alledging [*fo.* 150] that there were several precedents of cases of the like nature, Colonel Scot was directed to lay before their lordships some of the said precedents, and their lordships would then take the same into consideration.

Mr. Dorpere attending, as he had been desired the 17th instant [*fo.* 125], in relation to the resolution of the States General, proposing the raising of five hundred and fifty thousand guilders for maintaining the Imperial troops, which are to serve the next campaign in Flanders, he presented to their lordships a memorial, setting forth that it is his opinion that the raising the said 550,000 gilders cannot be of any prejudice to the commerce of Great Britain, which was read ; and directions were given for preparing the draught of an answer to Mr. Secretary St. John's letter of the 8th instant on that subject.

March 31. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

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The same given to Mr. Gwyn to present the House.

Trade.

Letter from Sir Edward Gold promising a state of the Italian trade.

Letter from Mr. Secretary St. John with the draught of a Treaty of Commerce with France.

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Trade.

Treaty of Commerce with France.

Letters to several gentlemen for what they have to offer in relation thereto.

Barbadoes.

Memorial from Col. Scot, praying to be restored to his place and precedence in the Council.

Precedents to be laid before the Board.

Trade.

Memorial from Mr. Dorpere containing his opinion on the States' resolution for maintaining the Imperial troops.

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Trade.

Answer about proposal of the States General for maintaining Imperial troops in Flanders.

A letter to Mr. Secretary St. John (directed at the last meeting), in answer to his of the 8th instant [*fo.* 125], relating to the proposal of the States General for raising 550,000 guilders in the Low Countries to maintain the Imperial troops which are to serve the next campaign in Flanders &c., was signed.

April 2. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie, M. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

Trade.

Letter from Mr. Lock about Treaty of Commerce.

A letter from Mr. Samuel Lock, of 31st of last month, in answer to one writ him 26th ditto, relating to a Treaty of Commerce with France, was read.

Trade.

Letters to Mr. Carkess, Sir Charles Hedges and Mr. Woodnorth touching the said treaty.

Their lordships took into consideration the project of a Treaty of Commerce with France [*fo.* 131], mentioned in the minutes of 26th of last month, and made a progress therein. And thereupon order'd that a letter be writ to Mr. Carkess to desire that the Commissioners of the Customs would send one or two of the most experienced of their officers to the Board on Friday morning next; that a letter be writ to Sir Charles Hedges to desire to speak with him and the rest of the gentlemen who sign'd the report to her Majesty upon the said project; that a letter be writ to Mr. Ben. Woodnorth [*fo.* 141], secretary to the Turkey Company, to know if the 9th article of the Treaty of Commerce between the Dutch and the French concluded at Ryswick in 1697, be inserted *mutatis mutandis* in the present Treaty, will answer the desire of the said Company.

Miscellanies.

Account of incidents.

An account of incident charges of this office, from Christmas, 1711, to Lady Day, 1712, were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt.:

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
The secretary's account of petty expences, from Christmas, 1711, to Lady Day, 1712, amounting to	29	12	7
The stationer's account for the same time, amounting to	18	19	4
The post officer's account for the same time, amounting to	3	16	7
	52	8	6

Letter to the Lord Treasurer thereupon.

Newfoundland.

Letter to Mr. Burchet with heads of enquiry for the Commodore.

And a letter to the Lord High Treasurer, to desire the payment thereof, as also of the salaries due to this office, was signed.

A letter to Mr. Burchet, inclosing the usual heads of enquiry and additional instructions to be given to the Commodore of the Newfoundland squadron for such answers as he shall be able to make thereunto, was agreed, and order'd to be sent.

April 4. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Mr. Secretary St. John, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Gwyn.

*Newfoundland.
Letter from Mr. Secretary St. John for the Board's opinion on the 2 following queries.*

A letter from Mr. Secretary St. John, of the second instant [*fo.* 141], desiring the opinion of the Board upon the two following queries, was read, vizt.:

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Nova Scotia.

First. What the consequence may be of allowing the French a general right to fish in the sea of Newfoundland and to dry their fish on that coast, as they have hitherto done, together with the liberty of settling and fortifying on the Island Cape Briton; they, on the other hand, making an absolute cession to her Majesty of Nova Scotia, with Annapolis Royal, and of the Island of Newfoundland with Placentia.

Secondly. Whether it may be for the advantage of Great Britain, Nova Scotia and Annapolis Royal remaining in her Majesty's hands, that all the fortifications in Newfoundland be demolish'd, and that no others be suffered to be erected there, or in any of the adjacent islands.

And Colonel Nicholson, Captain Moody, Mr. Campbell, and Mr. Cummings having been summonsd and attending, and the said two queries having been read to them, and they being asked several questions thereupon, they said in substance:

*Colonel Nicholson's,
&c. opinion on the
said queries.*

That the French never had any just right to fish at Newfoundland, except by leave from the Government here or those in authority under the Government at Newfoundland; that they paid as an acknowledgment for such liberty sometimes three quintals of fish per boat, sometimes ten *per cent.* upon their fish.

That if the French make a cession of the land, and yet have a privilege of fishing there, and drying on the shoar, that will be a greater disadvantage to our trade than we now lie under; by their having the liberty of our ports and harbours, under pretence of drying their fish, they will supply Newfoundland (and even several parts of the Continent of America) by that means with European commodities much cheaper than we can, for they sail at less charge both with respect to the seamen's wages, and to the victualling their ships* than we.

Another inconvenience that will accrue by allowing the French the liberty of fishing and drying upon the shoar is, that the fish coming about six weeks sooner to Placentia than it does to the other parts of Newfoundland, and the French bringing with them salt from France, cheaper than we can have it elsewhere, and their navigation from France being shorter than ours, they will be earlier on that coast, and about a month sooner at the markets in the Straights than we. If they are not confined to Placentia for drying their fish, but have liberty to go to other parts of the coast as far northward as the Island Petit Nord (where their greatest ships from St. Maloes go), they will yet, however, for the reasons aforesaid, be able to under-sell us, and to beat us out of that trade, so that their making a cession of the land and keeping a right of drying on the shore is so far from being an advantage to us, that it puts us in a worse condition than we are in at present.

As to their settling and fortifying Cape Breton, if that were allowed, the fort would be a continual check to

* These two words are crossed through.

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Newfoundland, and even to Annapolis Royal itself. Besides, they might at any time bring their Canada Indians to the Isle Breton, from whence they may easily annoy and ravage (as they have formerly done) our settlements in Newfoundland.

A fort upon Cape Breton wou'd further be of ill consequence to our trade; the harbour is large and convenient, and the natural situation of the place proper for a fortification, so that they wou'd by this means, not only be in a condition to secure and protect their own trade to and from Canada, but also to establish a fishery for dry fish, which are to be had there in plenty, and earlier than in Newfoundland; and the scituation of that island being between New England and Newfoundland, they may, whenever they think fit, disturb us in our fishery on either of those coasts.

Cape Breton is well stored with trees for masts, and other naval stores, and is part of Nova Scotia, and was included in the commission of the French Governor when Colonel Nicholson took Annapolis Royal; and the bounds of Nova Scotia ought to be from the River St. Croix on the west to Canada River, the sea on the south and east, and Canada River on the north; so that what cession they make of this country to her Majesty, of which she is now in possession, ought to be within the bounds aforesaid.

As to the 2nd query.

If there be a fort on Cape Breton, and those in Newfoundland demolish'd, then the French may be masters of Newfoundland whenever they please, upon any rupture between Great Britain and France. The harbour at Cape Breton is so commodious for privateers that the French may, upon a rupture, as aforesaid, incommode and disturb our trade and fishery as much from thence as they did from Annapolis Royal before it was taken. And therefore it is not advisable to allow the French so much as a settlement there, even though they build no fort, for the reasons aforesaid, vizt.: that Cape Breton is part of Nova Scotia, and that they may establish a good fishery for drying fish there.

If the forts on Newfoundland were to be demolished, it would be of very ill consequence, for that island might be a receptable for pirates. Besides which, the forts there will be necessary, not only for defending our settlements and fishery from the French, but for preventing other European nations from coming to fish there, and a great security to our ships coming from the South Seas, as the French have often experienced it.

These gentlemen being withdrawn, their lordships gave directions for preparing the draught of an answer to Mr. Secretary St. John's letter aforementioned.

April 5. Present:—Earl of Winchelsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

A memorial from Solomon Merret, relating to the trade and fishery of Newfoundland, and to the permitting the French to dry their fish on the shore, and to their fortifying Cape Breton in Nova Scotia, was read ; and a letter to Mr. Secretary St. John, in answer to his of the 2nd instant, as directed yesterday [*fo.* 136], was signed.

Sir Richard Onslow, with several members of the Turkey Company attending [*fo.* 134, 142], presented to their lordships a memorial, in answer to a letter writ them the 2nd instant, relating to a clause to be incerted in a Treaty of Commerce with France, was read. Whereupon their lordships communicated to them the 13th article of a project of a Treaty of Commerce, as amended by their lordships, relating to the taking off the 20 *per cent.* in France on Turkey goods, which they thought wou'd answer their desire.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Sir Nathaniel Floyd, to desire that he and some of the civilians who have sign'd a report to her Majesty upon a Treaty of Commerce with France [*fo.* 141, 144], wou'd come to the Board any morning next week, that their lordships may conferr with them thereupon.

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Newfoundland.
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Nova Scotia.
*Letter to Mr. Secretary
St. John thereupon.*

Trade.
*Memorial from the
Turkey Company
about treaty of
commerce.*

*Sir Nathaniel Floyd,
&c. summond
thereupon.*

April 7. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Gwyn.

A reference from Mr. Secretary St. John, of the 29th of the last month [*fo.* 166], upon the petition of William and Francis Fagan, of Waterford, merchants, praying for a pass for the ship *Mary* galley, burthen 180 tuns, carrying ten guns and 30 men, Richard Geohegan master, to sail from Ostend to Cadiz, and from thence back again to Ostend &c., was read ; and Mr. Moller and the said master attending, they were acquainted that the affidavit they had brought to the office, in relation to the property of the said ship and her loading, was not full enough, for that it did not appear thereby that the goods were English property, as they ought to be.

The secretary acquainting their lordships that Mr. Palms had been to wait on their lordships last week [*fo.* 128, 148], in relation to the impositions laid on the woollen manufacture in Germany, ordered that he be acquainted that their lordships would speak with him upon that subject on Thursday morning next.

Trade.
*Reference from Mr.
Secretary St. John
about a pass for the
Mary galley.*

Trade.
*Mr. Palm's about
impositions on woollen
goods in Germany.*

April 9. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

A memorial from the Levant Company [*fo.* 131, 144], relating to their interest in a Treaty of Commerce with France, was read.

Sir William Johnstone and Mr. Smith attending in behalf of North Britain [*fo.* 131 ; Q. *fo.* 122], presented to their lordships a memorial, in answer to a letter writ them the 26th of the last month, relating to a Treaty of Commerce with France, which was read.

A memorial from Mr. Lawrence Galdie [*fo.* 131], in answer to a letter writ him the 26th of the last month, about a Treaty of Commerce with France, was read.

Trade.
*Memorial from the
Levant Company
about
treaty of commerce.*

*Another about
treaty of commerce.*

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Jamaica.

*Mr. Galdie's memorial
about**a new counsellor.*

Trade.

Treaty of commerce.

Another memorial from him, recommending Mr. Ezekiel Gomersall to be a member of her Majesty's Council in Jamaica, was read.

Then their lordships took into consideration the project of a Treaty of Commerce with France [*fo.* 131, 150], mentioned in the minutes of the 26th of the last month, and made a further progress therein.

April 10. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

Trade.
*Civilians' opinion on
the several articles in
the treaty of commerce.*

Mr. Shepherd and Mr. Signoret, Sir Nathaniel Lloyd, Doctor Newton, and Dr. Hinchman attending [*fo.* 142], and Sir Nathaniel and the other civilians being asked why they proposed that several articles in the Treaty of Commerce with France should be omitted, they gave their opinion upon the said articles as follows, vizt. :

Article 6th. That this is more proper for a Treaty of Peace than a Treaty of Commerce, least it should discharge any acquet, publick or private, acquired by conquest or right of war.

Article 10th. That the law has fully provided in this case.

20th. That it is impracticable for a magistrate in one kingdom to take security from a person to appear and be answerable in another kingdom.

21. That the first part of this article is provided for by laws ; the latter part, directing that only such articles in books or accounts which relates to the evidence of property in question and not the whole books, be exhibited upon disputes or tryals, is not a good provision ; for extracts of books of accounts are not sufficient evidence, unless they be verified by the regularity of keeping the books, or by comparing the said extracts with other parts of the said books.

22nd. That the law has better provided in these cases ; besides, a certificate from a magistrate is no proper proof of the property of goods that shall have been taken by pirates.

24th. That the law has provided for this case. Prizes by law may be carried into the proper port to be condemned ; but, if they go into any other port, they are subject to arrests from persons there having a property in them.

25th. That the latter part of this article destroys the instance of the first Court in bringing the case immediately before the Council.

36th. That this article is much better provided for by the laws.

40th. That this is better provided for by the laws.

46th. The law has provided in that case, and any person who thinks himself injured may have right done by applying to the proper Courts. Besides, shou'd this article stand, if any person shall think himself injured in the sentence given against him, the State will be obliged to make him satisfaction, which is not reasonable.

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47th. That the law is very full in this case.

48th. That this article may contradict leagues with other States, with whom we may be in amity, and France at war.

51st. That we have but one Court of Admiralty here, and therefore it is to no purpose to lodge copies of the Treaty of Commerce in the several ports, for it will be of no use to have the Treaty without a jurisdiction to quiet controversy.

52. That the law provides in this case fully.

Mr. James Campbell attending [*fo.* 47], an Order of Council of the third instant, upon the petition of several merchants, agents for the sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's, directing their lordships to lay the said petition and the representation of this Board, of the third of December last, touching the issuing debentures, pursuant to an Act of Parliament before the House of Commons, was read; and Mr. Campbell was desired to get the opinion of Mr. Attorney General [*fo.* 159] in relation to a clause he had to offer to the House, to be inserted in an Act for the relief of the sufferers aforementioned, which he promised to do accordingly.

Lieutenant-General Palmes attending, their lordships communicated to him the petition from Exeter, relating to the impositions laid upon British woollen manufactures in the Emperor's hereditary dominions, mentioned in the minutes of the 17th of the last month. Whereupon he said, that in regard to Bohemia, they had done there in favour of our woollen manufacture all that could be expected, as did appear by the answer of the Chancery of Bohemia to his memorial (which was read the 5th December, 1710); that Austria and the other parts of the hereditary dominions have not indeed done so much as Bohemia, nor could it be expected they should, for it was but reasonable that they should prefer their own manufacture at Lintz to that of a foreign nation. However, they have laid no new duty upon ours, and have only obliged the merchants in those dominions to take off a certain quantity of the Lintz crown rash before ours is permitted to be sold. And he observ'd that this was not an annual quantity to continue for ever, but only till the rashes already made at Lintz should be all taken off. He added that at present we undersell the Lintz crown rash, and that the manufacture at Lintz will soon fall.

A letter to the Lord High Treasurer, signifying that this Board is nine quarters in arrear of salary, and desiring his lordship's favourable directions for the payment thereof, was signed.

**Nevis.
St. Christopher's.**
*Order of Council
about laying papers
touching the issuing
debentures to the
sufferers of Nevis and
St. Christopher's before
the Commons.*

Trade.
*Mr. Palmes's opinion
on the Exeter petition
about impositions laid
on our woollen
manufactures in
Germany.*

Miscellanies.
*Letter to Lord
Treasurer about
arrears of salary.*

April 14. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

Their lordships again took into consideration the project of a Treaty of Commerce with France [*fo.* 144, 151], and went through the same; and a letter to Mr. Secretary St. John, with their observations upon the said project, was agreed.

Trade.
Treaty of commerce.

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Barbadoes.

Col. Scot &c. on his memorial desiring to be restored to his precedence in the Council.

Precedents produced.

Mr. Tryon, with Colonel Scot and Mr. Chester, attending, in relation to the said Scot's memorial, mentioned in the minutes of the 27th last month [*fo.* 132], desiring to be admitted a member of her Majesty's Council in Barbadoes on the first vacancy that may happen therein, Colonel Scot presented to their lordships presidents of dormant warrants for such admissions, and of persons having been restored to their precedence in Council, which presidents are as follows:—

Copy of her Majesty's warrant for admitting Mr. Long into the Council of Jamaica, on the first vacancy.

Copy of her Majesty's warrant for admitting Mr. Downs to be a counsellor of Barbadoes on the first vacancy.

Copy of an Order of Council, of the 18th of December, 1709, directing Mr. Tobias Frere to be restored to his place of counsellor of Barbadoes, and to his precedence therein.

And their lordships agreed to take the same into consideration at a convenient opportunity.

Trade.

Officers of the Customs to attend.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Carkesse [*vide infra*], to desire that some of the officers of the Customs may attend their lordships to-morrow morning, upon the letter writ him the 2nd instant.

Trade.

Letter from Mr. Cullen about ships at Ostend with the Queen's passes, sent to Earl of Dartmouth.

April 15. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Gwyn.

A letter from Mr. James Cullen, captain of the *Cullen* galley [*fo.* 152, 176], dated at Ostend the 21st instant, new stile, giving an account of several ships being at Ostend with her Majesty's passes to go to Cales, was read; whereupon ordered that a copy of the said letter be sent to the Earl of Dartmouth.

Officers of the Customs' opinion on some articles of a treaty of commerce.

Mr. Thomas Andrews and Mr. Thomas Walker, attending from the Commissioners of the Customs, their lordships communicated to them the 15, 17, 26 and 32 articles of the project of a Treaty of Commerce with France [*fo.* 149, 152]; whereupon they had no objection to the first article as amended by their lordships. To the second article, they proposed an amendment, vizt., to add after the word *again* and before the word *only*, provided such entry or declaration does not appear to be fraudulent; and they said they had no objection to the two last mention'd articles.

Observations on the foresaid treaty.

A letter to Mr. Secretary St. John [*fo.* 151], with their lordships' observations upon the project of a Treaty of Commerce with France, was signed.

April 16. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn.

Trade.

Illegal trade from Ostend.

A letter to the Earl of Dartmouth [*fo.* 151], inclosing the copy of a letter from Mr. James Cullen, as directed yesterday, was signed.

Virginia.

Letter from Earl of Dartmouth about want of stores of war there.

Answer.

A letter from the Earl of Dartmouth, of yesterday's date [*fo.* 154], inclosing the extract of a letter from Colonel Spotswood, relating to the want of small arms, powder and tents, was read; and a letter in answer thereunto was immediately prepared and signed.

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April 22. Present :—Mr. Secretary St. John, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Gwyn.

Their lordships having read some letters lately receiv'd from Colonel Hunter, gave directions [*vide infra*] for preparing a letter to Mr. Secretary St. John upon that part which relates to the difficulty Colonel Hunter has met with in procuring the settlement of a revenue at New York.

A memorial from Colonel Nicholson, relating to the boundaries between the French and her Majesty's subjects on the Continent of America, was read.

April 23. Present :—Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Gwyn.

A letter to Mr. Secretary St. Johns [*vide supra*], relating to the difficulties Colonel Hunter has met with in getting a revenue settled at New York, as directed at the last meeting, was signed.

A letter from Mr. Archibald Commings, dated 21st April, 1712, relating to Newfoundland, was read.

April 28. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie.

A letter from the Earl of Dartmouth, of 22nd instant [*fo.* 152, 155, 161], upon what Colonel Spotswood writes in his letter of the 8th February last, concerning a supply of ammunition and other necessaries for putting Virginia in a better condition of defence, was read ; whereupon order'd that Colonel Nicholson have notice to attend the Board to-morrow morning.

A letter from Mr. Taylour [*fo.* 174], inclosing by my Lord Treasurer's order, the draught of a Bill for *preserving the right of British built ships*, and desiring to know if their lordships have any objections thereto, was read ; whereupon ordered that a copy of the said draught be sent to Sir Charles Hedges for his observations and opinion thereupon.

April 29. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Gwyn.

Colonel Nicholson attending [*fo.* 154], the letter from the Earl of Dartmouth, mentioned in yesterday's minutes, relating to a supply of arms, ammunition and other necessaries for putting Virginia in a better state of defence, was communicated to him ; whereupon he said that he was of opinion that when any stores or ammunition are sent, the Governor shou'd be directed to keep the same in a publick storehouse, and not deliver them out but when necessary occasions require, and then to take security from the officers of the militia that they be redelivered to the Governor when the service intended is over, or that they who receive the arms and ammunition do pay for the same, which money may be made good to the Office of Ordnance.

A letter from Sir Christopher Musgrave, one of the Clerks of the Council, of the 8th instant, signifying the desire of the Privy Council that all such papers and letters as are in this office relating to the late disorders at Antego [*fo.* 115], may be transmitted to them,

New York.
Letters from Col. Hunter about difficulty of settling a revenue there.

New England.
Plantations Generall.
Col. Nicholson's memorial. Boundaries.

New York.
Letter to Mr. Secretary St. John. Revenue.

Newfoundland.
Letter from Mr. Cummings.
Nova Scotia.

Virginia.
Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth about a supply of ammunition for Virginia.

Col. Nicholson summon'd.

Trade.
Letter from the Treasury with draught of a Bill about British built ships, sent to Sir Charles Hedges.

Virginia.
Col. Nicholson's opinion on the Earl of Dartmouth's letter about a supply of ammunition, &c. for Virginia.

Antego.
Letter from a Clerk of the Council for papers &c. relating to the disorders there.

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The same transmitted.

in order to their being put into a method of examination, was read ; and directions were given for sending to him the said papers accordingly, which are as follows, vizt. :

Minutes of Council and Assembly of Antego.

Letter from Colonel Yeamans, Lieutenant Governor of Antego, without date, giving an account of the occasion of the inhabitants rising in arms, and of the death of Colonel Parke. The speech of Mr. Yeamans, Lieutenant Governor of Antego, to those who rose up in arms against Colonel Parke.

Mr. Yeamans' speech to the Lieutenant General and Council of Antego, before he sign'd the address from himself and the said Council to her Majesty, relating to the death of Colonel Parke.

List of the persons that were killed and wounded the day that Colonel Parke was kill'd, December 7th, 1711.

Letter from Mr. Hamilton, Lieutenant General of the Leeward Islands, dated 23rd of February, 1711^o, giving an account of the state of the islands and of the death of Colonel Parke.

Letter from Mr. Thomas Morris, a member of the Council at Antego, dated the 27th February, 1711^o, relating to the rebellion and murder of Colonel Parke in that island.

Letter from Mr. Morris, one of the members of the Council of Antego, dated the — April, 1711, giving an account of some proceedings there since the murder of Colonel Parke.

Memorial from Mr. Pepper, with copies of three affidavits, relating to the murder of Colonel Parke, late Governor of the Leeward Islands.

Extract of Major Douglas's letter to Mr. Lewis, one of the Lord Dartmouth's secretary's, about Captain Norbury &c.

Letter from Major Douglas, Governor of the Leeward Islands, dated the 28th November, 1711.

A letter from Mr. Lowndes, of the 11th March last, referring to the Board, by order of my Lord Treasurer, a petition from Robert Lee, executor in trust for the younger children of the late Earl of Sterling, relating to a pension in lieu of his surrender of part of New York and Long Island to the Duke of York, was read ; and directions given [*fo.* 172] for preparing the draught of an answer to the said letter.

April 30. Present :—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A memorial from the Eastland merchants in answer to a letter writ them the 20th of the last month [*fo.* 127, 160], giving an account of the British ships taken by the Danes and Swedes in the Baltic, and proposing the opening a trade to Riga, Revel &c., was read ; whereupon ordered that an answer be prepared to the letter from Mr. Secretary St. Johns upon that subject, read the 20th of the last month.

Mr. Tryon attending [*fo.* 102], in relation to his memorial in behalf of Mr. Millikin, praying that he might be restored to his place in the Council of Nevis, mentioned in the minutes of the 19th of February last, he was acquainted that their lordships would take that matter into consideration at a convenient opportunity.

New York.

Letter from the Treasury with Mr. Lee's petition about a pension in lieu of his surrender of part of New York.

Trade.

Eastland merchants' memorial about British ships taken in the Baltic &c.

Nevis.

Mr. Tryon in relation to Mr. Millikin's desire to be restored to his place in the Council.

Ordered that an answer be prepared to the last letter from Major Douglas, Governor of the Leeward Islands [*vide infra*], and that another letter be prepared, acknowledging the receipt of one from Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes.

May 2. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

A letter to Major Douglas, Governor of the Leeward Islands [*vide supra*], and another letter to Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, were signed.

Mr. Campbell, Mr. Duport, and Mr. Carpenter attending [*fo.* 148, 172], they presented to their lordships the draught of a clause proposed to be added to some Act of Parliament relating to the sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's, which was read; whereupon ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Attorney General, inclosing a copy of the said clause, for his opinion thereupon.

Mr. Duport presented to their lordships a memorial, giving an account of the islands of St. Martin and St. Bartholine lying about ten leagues north north-west of the island of St. Christopher's, which was read.

Mr. Pepper attending [*fo.* 101], presented to their lordships a memorial against Mr. Edward Warner, lately appointed a member of the Council of her Majesty's island of Antego, which was read; and he was acquainted that the said Mr. Warner had been recommended to their lordships by several considerable merchants (mentioned in the minutes of the 5th February last), as a person very well qualified to serve her Majesty in that station.

Their lordships, taking into consideration the memorial from the Eastland merchants [*fo.* 158], mentioned in the minutes of the 30th of the last month, ordered that Mr. Philp, Deputy Governor of the Eastland Company, have notice to attend their lordships on Tuesday morning next.

May 6. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A letter from Mr. Secretary St. John, of the 5th instant, inclosing an address to her Majesty from the House of Commons of the 3rd, desiring that the returns made by the Commissioners appointed by her Majesty to examine into the losses upon the late invasion of the French at Nevis and St. Christopher's be laid before that House, was read, and laid before the House accordingly.

A letter to the Earl of Dartmouth, in answer to one from his lordship, of the 22nd of the last month [*fo.* 154, 173], relating to a supply of arms, ammunition and other necessaries for putting Virginia in a better state of defence, mentioned in the minutes of the 29th ditto, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Mr. Phelp, Deputy Governor of the Eastland Company [*fo.* 163, 168], with some other merchants attending, as desired the 2nd instant, the Order of Council of the 3rd of the last month on the petition of the Hamburgh Company to her Majesty, praying

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Leeward Islands.
Barbadoes.

*Answers to the
Governors' letters to
be prepared.*

Leeward Islands.
Barbadoes.
*Letters to the
Governors.*

Nevis.
St. Christopher's.
*Draught of a clause
about the sufferers
there,
sent to Mr. Attorney
General.*

Leeward Islands.
*Mr. Duport's memo-
rial about two islands
near St. Christopher's.*

Antego.
*Mr. Pepper's memorial
against Mr. Warner's
being of the Council.*

Trade.
*Eastland merchants'
memorial.
Their Deputy
Governor summonsd.*

Nevis.
St. Christopher's.
*Returns of the losses
there to be laid before
the Commons.*

Virginia.
*Letter to the Earl of
Dartmouth about
supply of ammunition
&c. for Virginia.*

Trade.
*Order of Council on
Hamburgh Company's
petition about ships
performing quarantine.*

1712.

*Mr. Phelps with
extracts of letters from
Elsinore about ceasing
of the plague in those
parts.*

Trade.

*Extract of a letter
from Mr. Jackson
about obstructions to
commerce at Stock-
holm.*

*Letter to Mr. Joy for
the Swedish merchants'
opinion on the
foregoing extract.*

*Letter to Mr. Carkess
about infection at
Hamburgh &c.*

Trade.

*Hamburgh Company's
petition touching the
quarentine communi-
cated to Mr. Twyford.*

*Commissioners of the
Customs' report there-
upon.*

New Jersey.

*Proprietors in relation
to their memorial
proposing the removal
of some of the Council
&c.*

that the ships coming from thence may not be obliged to perform the quarantine, in regard that the said city and places adjacent are not, nor have been, infected with the plague, or any contagious distemper, was read; whereupon Mr. Phelps acquainted their lordships that he had laid before the Commissioners of her Majesty's Customs the extracts of several letters the Eastland Company had from Mr. Robert Tigh at Elsinore, from the 17th of October, 1711, to the 19th of March last, containing an account that the sickness had wholly left those parts, which account he thought had been transmitted by the Commissioners of the Customs to this Board; and he being informed by their lordships to the contrary, he communicated to them the said extracts, who gave directions for taking a copy thereof.

Then the letter from Mr. Secretary St. John, of the 19th of March last [fo. 127, 163], mentioned in the minutes of the 20th ditto, with an extract of a letter from Mr. Jackson, her Majesty's Resident at Stockholm, relating to his hopes of removing the obstructions in our trade there, was also read; and these gentlemen being asked some questions thereupon, they said that that matter being out of their charter, they believed that the Swedish merchants would be better able to give their lordships the informations they desired.

These gentlemen being withdrawn, ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Charles Joy [fo. 162, 168], inclosing a copy of the aforesaid extract of Mr. Jackson's letter, and that he be desired, if he or the merchants concerned in the trade to Sweden have anything to offer on that head, the same be done in writing, as soon as conveniently may be.

Further ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Carkess [fo. 161, 167], to move the Commissioners of her Majesty's Customs, that their lordships may have copies of what informations they may have received, that the city of Hamburgh and places adjacent are not, nor have been, infected with any contagious distemper.

May 7. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

Mr. Twyford, secretary of the Hamburgh Company, attending [fo. 161], her Majesty's Order in Council of the 3rd of the last month (mentioned in yesterday's minutes) upon the petition of the said Company relating to the quarantine, was communicated to him; whereupon he laid before their lordships a copy of the report from the Commissioners of the Customs, who had the like reference to them from the Lord High Treasurer, which report was read, and he promised to lay before their lordships to-morrow morning a translation of a letter from Hamburgh to Mr. Jacob Jacobson [fo. 167], containing an account that that city has not been, nor is, infected with any contagious distemper.

Mr. Dockmenic and Mr. Richier attending, in relation to the Council of New Jersey [fo. 9], they desired that their lordships would please to reconsider their memorial, read the 7th of November last, proposing the removal of Daniel Cox, Peter Sonmans, William Pinhorn, Hugh Huddy and William Hall, from the Council of that

province, and of Mr. Jeremiah Bass from being secretary thereof; and they said, in discourse, that by letters they had lately received from thence, they were informed that, whilst these persons continued in the Council, nothing could be done for the good of the said province; and therefore desired that their lordships would move her Majesty for their dismissal; whereupon they were desired [fo. 171] to give their lordships the characters of persons to supply vacancies in Council, which they promised to do accordingly.

Mr. Roos, her Majesty's seal cutter, having brought two large new silver seals for the provinces of Maryland and Virginia, the same were laid before their lordships; who thereupon gave directions for preparing two warrants for her Majesty's signature, directing the Governors there to use the said seals in their respective governments; as also the draught of a letter to the Earl of Dartmouth [fo. 172], inclosing the said warrants.

Mr. Jeremiah Dummer attending, with two men lately come from France, who had been prisoners two or three years in Canada, he presented to the Board their informations in writing, relating to a trade carry'd on between the Canada Indians and the people of Albany; and these two men being asked several questions concerning that matter, they said that they did not speak this of their own knowledge, but were only told it by the foresaid Indians. They added that the town of Quebec is very ill provided for defence, there not being above 4 or 500 men in it, and that it was not above one-third walled, and that the inhabitants of Canada, as well Canada Indians as French, were not above 7,000 men. After they were withdrawn,

Ordered that in the next letter to Colonel Hunter a copy of the aforementioned information be sent him.

A certificate of Richard Geohogan, sworn before a Master in Chancery, relating to the ship *Mary* gally [fo. 142, *vide infra*], for which he desires he may have her Majesty's pass, to go from Ostend to Cadiz, mentioned in the minutes of the 7th of the last month, was read; whereupon ordered that he be acquainted that the certificate ought to shew the property of the goods and not the growth.

May 8. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Gwyn.

Their lordships, taking into consideration the certificate of Richard Geohogan [*vide supra*, fo. 175, 142], relating to a pass for the ship *Mary* galley to sail from Ostend to Cadiz (mention'd in yesterday's minutes), ordered [fo. 169] that a letter be writ to Sir Charles Hedges, to desire to know what security ought to be given to prevent indirect practises, in case such passes be granted by her Majesty.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse, of yesterday's date [fo. 163], inclosing a copy of the report from the Commissioners of the Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, upon a reference to them from his lordship, mentioned in the minutes of the 6th instant, relating to the infection's being ceased at Elsinore and Copenhagen &c., was read.

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*Reason.***Maryland.
Virginia.***Mr. Roos, with two
new seals.***New England.***Information of two
persons about a trade
carried on between the
Canada Indians and
people of Albany.***New York.***Copy thereof sent
Col. Hunter.***Trade.***Certificate of the
master of the Mary
gally who desires a
pass.***Trade.***Pass for the Mary
gally.**Letter to Sir Charles
Hedges about security
to be given.***Trade.***Commissioners of the
Customs' report
about the infection's
being ceased at Elsi-
nore and Copenhagen,
&c.*

1712.

*Papers relating to
the present healthiness
of the city of Ham-
burgh, &c.*

Mr. Twyford, secretary to the Hamburg Company, with Mr. Van Heymært attending, he presented to their lordships [*fo.* 164] the copy of a letter from the Senate of that city to Mr. Jacob Jacobson in London, dated the 25th of September, 1711; as also the extract of another letter to the said Mr. Jacobson from an eminent master at Hamburg, dated the 26th April, 1712, new style, giving an account of the present healthiness of the city of Hamburg, and that the quarentine is taken off in France; which letters and extracts were read, and Mr. Van Heymært acquainted their lordships [*fo.* 170] that Mr. Jacobson had received an account that the same had been also done in Holland about three months ago, and promised to bring to their lordships to-morrow the extracts of some letters on that head.

Trade.

*Representation.
Quarentine.*

A representation upon her Majesty's Order in Council of the 3rd of the last month [*fo.* 161], referring to this Board the petition of the Hamburg Company, relating to the quarentine mentioned in yesterday's minutes, was agreed and signed.

*Swedish merchants'
opinion on Mr.
Jackson's letter about
obstructions to com-
merce at Stockholm.*

Mr. Joy attending [*fo.* 163, 177], as he had been directed the 6th instant, upon the extract of the letter from Mr. Jackson, mentioned in the minutes of the same day, he said that he had consulted with several Swedish merchants thereupon, who all agreed that the high duties in Sweden upon our British goods and manufactures has almost wholly beat her Majesty's subjects out of that trade, which at present is chiefly carried on by the Swedes themselves; that, if the said duties were taken off, it would be of advantage, and that the Swedish merchants had nothing further to add to the memorials formerly laid before this Board relating to their grievances in Sweden, and which has been already represented by their lordships.

May 9. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

Trade.

Treaty of commerce.

A letter from Mr. Secretary St. John, of the 8th instant [*fo.* 190, 272], relating to a tarif, and the Treaty of Commerce with France, was read.

*Pass for the Mary
galley.*

A letter to Sir Charles Hedges [*fo.* 167, 173], relating to a pass for the ship *Mary* galley to sail from Ostend to Cadiz, and mentioned in yesterday's minutes, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

St. Christopher's.
*Order of Council on
Mrs. Salenave's peti-
tion about a planta-
tion there.*

Order of Council of the 17th of the last month [*Q. fo.* 172], upon the petition of Elizabeth Salenave, widow of Jordain Salenave, Lieutenant Governor of the French part of St. Christopher's, praying that she being naturaliz'd may possess and enjoy the plantation left her by her said husband, in the said island, was read, and their lordships agreed to respite the same till the peace be made.

New York.
*Vice Admiralty
Register's petition
about his salary.*

A petition of Mr. Robinson, Register of the Court of Vice-Admiralty at New York, praying that this Board will recommend his case to the Lord Treasurer, that his salary and the arrears due to him may be paid here, was read.

Barbadoes.
*Complaints against
the Governor for
seizing the ship
Oxford.*

Order of Council, of the 2nd instant, upon the petition of Philip Freake and others, part owners of the ship *Oxford*, complaining against Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, for unjustly seizing and detaining the said ship there, was read; whereupon ordered

[fo. 171] that a copy of the said petition be sent to Mr. Tilden, agent for Mr. Lowther, and that he be acquainted their lordships will be ready to hear what he may have to offer thereupon in behalf of the Governor on Thursday morning next.

Further ordered that Mr. Weston, who appears in behalf of the complainants, have notice to attend their lordships at the same time.

Mr. Van Heymert [fo. 167], having, as he promised yesterday, brought to their lordships the extracts of two letters, the one from Dantzick, dated the 21 of October, 1711, new style, the other from Amsterdam, dated the 24th of November, 1711, new style, relating to the healthiness at Queensborough, Elbing, Dantzick and other places, and to the taking off the quarantine in Holland, were read.

May 13. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

A letter from Mr. Whitworth, her Majesty's Ambassador to the Czar of Muscovy, inclosing an account of the method of making tarr in Russia, with some remarks on the said method, was read; and directions given for sending a copy thereof to Colonel Hunter, Governor of New York.

A memorial from Mr. Richier, Vice President of the Society of the Proprietors of New Jersey [fo. 165], recommending six persons to be of the Council of that province, in case a removal be made of those members in the said Council, complain'd of by Colonel Hunter as persons obstructing the publick good of the said province, was read; and directions were given [fo. 176] for preparing the draught of a representation thereupon.

A letter from Mr. George Tilden [fo. 170, 178], agent to Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, in answer to the letter writ him the 9th instant, in relation to the ship *Oxford*, seized at Barbadoes, was read; and Mr. Tilden attending at the same time, and desiring that the hearing appointed for Thursday next upon that matter might be deferr'd till Wednesday morning, the 21st instant, when he desired to be heard by counsell, their lordships agreed thereto, and he being withdrawn, ordered that Mr. Weston, who appears in behalf of the complainants, have notice thereof.

A copy of the case of the islands of Nevis and St. Christopher's [fo. 159], relating to the sufferers there, received from Mr. James Campbell, was laid before the Board.

A letter to the Earl of Dartmouth [fo. 165], inclosing warrants for her Majesty's signature to the Governor of Virginia and the President of the Council of Maryland, directing them to use the two new seals for those governments, mentioned in the minutes of the 7th instant, was signed.

The draught of a letter to the Lord High Treasurer [fo. 158, 174], upon the petition of Robert Lee, esquire, executor in trust of the younger children of the late Earl of Sterling, relating to a large tract of land in America, part of New York and Long Island &c.,

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Copy thereof sent his agent.

Mr. Weston summoned.

Trade.

Extracts of letters about the quarantine's being taken off in Holland, &c.

Trade.

Method of making tar in Russia.

New Jersey.

Persons recommended to be of the Council.

Barbadoes.

Letter from Mr. Tilden. Ship Oxford seiz'd by the Governor.

Hearing appointed, and Mr. Weston to have notice thereof.

Nevis.

St. Christopher's. The islands' case relating to the sufferers there.

Virginia.
Maryland.

Warrants directing the use of the new seals.

New York.

Letter to Lord Treasurer on Mr. Lee's petition.

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**Plantations General.
Virginia.***Letter to Earl of
Dartmouth about dis-
posal of stores of warr.*

directed the 29th of the last month, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

The draught of a letter to the Earl of Dartmouth [fo. 161, 174], in answer to one from his lordship of the 22nd of the last month, relating to the disposal of stores of war in the plantations, agreed the sixth instant, was ordered to be transcribed.

May 15. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Gwyn.

Trade.
*Opinion of Sir Charles
Hedges in relation to
passes to sail to Ostend.*

The Earl of Winchilsea acquainted the Board that he had, yesterday, discoursed with Sir Charles Hedges in relation to the granting of passes for ships to sail from Ostend to Cadiz [fo. 169], and that Sir Charles was of opinion that the persons applying for such passes ought to produce a certificate from the proper officer in the Custom House, that the ship is British built, or made free and intire British property; that they ought also to produce a certificate from the Register of the Admiralty, at Doctors' Commons, of their having made oath that the greatest part of the said ship's loading is British property, and for the account of her Majesty's subjects; and that the rest of the loading is the property, and for the account, of the subjects of her Majesty's allies.

Trade.
*His observations on
the Bill about British
built ships.*

Sir Charles Hedges further said, upon the Bill for preserving the right of British built ships [fo. 154, 176], sent him the 28th of the last month, that the consideration of that matter was more proper for Mr. Attorney General. However, he had made two or three observations upon the Bill, which are noted in the margin thereof.

**Plantations General.
Virginia.***Letter to the Earl of
Dartmouth.
Disposal of arms,
&c.*

A letter to the Earl of Dartmouth, relating to the disposal of stores of warr in the plantations [fo. 173], mentioned in the minutes of the 13th instant, was signed.

New York.
*Answer on Mr. Lee's
petition about late
Earl of Sterling's
children.*

A letter to the Lord High Treasurer, upon the petition of Robert Lee, esquire [fo. 172, 185], concerning the late Earl of Sterling's younger children, also mentioned in the minutes of the 13th instant, was signed.

May 20. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

Barbadoes.
*Hearing in relation
to the ship Oxford
deferr'd.*

Mr. Weston attending, in relation to the ship *Oxford*, seiz'd at Barbadoes, and desiring that the hearing appointed for to-morrow upon that matter might be put off till Wednesday the 28th instant, by which time he expected some papers to prove the allegations set forth in the petition, complaining of the seizure of the said ship, mentioned in the minutes of the — instant, the said hearing was put off accordingly, and directions given that Mr. Tilden, who appears in behalf of the Governor, have notice thereof.

*Mr. Tilden to have
notice thereof.*

New York.
*Mr. Dupré's petition
about his passage.*

A petition of Mr. Dupré, praying their lordships' recommendation of him to the Lords of the Admiralty for his passage with two servants in the man-of-war ordered to New York, was read; whereupon order'd that a letter be writ to Mr. Burchet, to desire him to recommend the same to the Lords Commissioners accordingly.

Affidavit of Richard Geoghegan [*fo.* 166, 182], sworn in Doctors' Commons, that the ship *Mary* gally, now at Ostend, and for which he desires her Majesty's pass, is British built, and that the greatest part of her loading does belong to her Majesty's subjects &c., was read; whereupon Mr. Geoghegan's agent was acquainted that unless he did produce a certificate from the Custom House that the ship is British built (according to the opinion of Sir Charles Hedges, mentioned in the minutes of the 15th instant), their lordships cou'd not advise the granting the pass he desired.

Their lordships, taking into consideration the draught of a Bill for preserving the right of British built ships [*fo.* 174], ordered that a copy thereof be sent to Mr. Carkess with their lordships' desire to have the opinion of her Majesty's Commissioners of the Customs thereupon.

Their lordships, taking into consideration the draught of a representation upon Brigadier Hunter's desire of having four of the Council of New Jersey remov'd [*fo.* 171], order'd [*fo.* 178] that Mr. Dockwra have notice to attend their lordships on Tuesday morning.

May 22. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

A letter from Mr. James Cullen, dated at Ostend the 22nd of May, 1712 [*fo.* 151, 180], relating to Flemish ships having her Majesty's passes to sail to Cadiz, was read; whereupon ordered that a copy thereof be transmitted to the Earl of Dartmouth for his information.

A letter to Mr. Secretary St. John [*fo.* 168], upon the extract of a letter from Mr. Jackson, her Majesty's envoy at Stockholm (mentioned in the minutes of the 8th instant), relating to the hopes he had of having the obstructions to our commerce in that country removed, was signed.

A report from Mr. Attorney General [*fo.* 207], upon an Act pass'd in Barbadoes for the better enabling the executors of Christopher Estwick, esquire, deceased, to pay the debts of the said Christopher Estwick, was read; and directions given for preparing the draught of a representation thereupon.

May 27. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

Mr. Alexander Skeen, secretary of Barbadoes [*fo.* 185, 186], being lately come from thence, attending with Mr. Tryon, he presented to their lordships a letter from the Earl of Dartmouth, of the 1st instant, referring to the Board a petition from the said Skeen to her Majesty [*fo.* 193], setting forth, among other things, his having been suspended from the execution of his office by Mr. Lowther, Governor of that island, without having any copy of the charge against him &c., and praying relief therein, was read; and their lordships agreed to reconsider that matter at a convenient opportunity.

Mr. Dockwra attending, as he had been desired the 20th instant [*fo.* 176, 184], in relation to the proceedings of some of the Council

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Trade.

Affidavit about the Mary gally's being British built.

Certificate thereof to be procured from the Custom House.

Trade.

Copy of a Bill about British built ships sent to Mr. Carkess.

New Jersey.

Representation about removal of councillors.

Mr. Dockwra summoned.

Trade.

Letter from Ostend about passes.

Trade.

Letter to Mr. Secretary St. John. Trade at Stockholm.

Barbadoes.

Attorney General's report on a private Act.

Barbadoes.

Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth, with Mr. Skeen's petition touching his suspension.

New Jersey.

Mr. Dockwra about proceedings of the Council there &c.

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Barbadoes.

*Hearing further de-
ferr'd about seizure
of the ship Oxford.
Agents to be
acquainted therewith.*

of New Jersey, a list of the names of six persons, that have been recommended to supply vacancies in the said Council, was communicated to him; and he being asked the characters of the said persons, he promised to lay the same before their lordships in writing.

Then their lordships, taking into consideration some papers transmitted by Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes [*fo.* 171, 185] relating to the seizure of the ship *Oxford* there, ordered that Mr. Tilden, who appears in behalf of the Governor, and Mr. Weston, in behalf of the petitioners, be acquainted that their lordships have put off the intended hearing of that matter to-morrow, and that they shall have notice when their lordships will hear what may be offered on both sides concerning the said ship.

Miscellanies.

*Letter from Mr. How
about this Board's
being amongst others
appointed Commis-
sioners of Chelsea
Hospital, &c.*

June 2. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

A letter from Mr. How, dated 27th of last month, signifying that her Majesty had been pleased to appoint their lordships, amongst other Commissioners, for the government of her Royal Hospital at Chelsea, and the out pensioners thereto belonging, and that their lordships are desired to meet the rest of the Commissioners at the Council Chamber at Chelsea College on Thursday, the 5th instant, was read; whereupon ordered that a list of the said Commissioners' names be got and laid before the Board.

New York.

*Merchants' petition
about ships of war
trading from thence to
the West Indies, &c.*

A letter from the Earl of Dartmouth, of 27th of last month [*fo.* 181], referring to the Board the petition from several merchants at New York to her Majesty, complaining that her Majesty's ships of war do trade from thence to the West Indies &c., praying relief therein, was read; and directions were given for preparing the draught of an answer to his lordship's said letter.

Trade.

*Letter to Earl of
Dartmouth about
Flemish ships having
passes to sail to Cadiz.*

A letter to the Earl of Dartmouth, inclosing a copy of a letter from Mr. Cullen [*fo.* 176, 183], dated at Ostend, the 22nd of last month, relating to Flemish ships having her Majesty's passes to sail to Cadiz, directed 22nd ultimo, was signed.

June 3. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

A letter from Colonel Hunter, Governor of New York, dated the 1st January, 171 $\frac{1}{2}$, was read; and directions given for preparing the draught of an answer thereto. The papers referr'd to in the said letter were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt.:

Representation of the Council of New York to this Board, giving an account of the present state of affairs in that province.

Proceedings of the Council and Assembly relating to two Money Bills, mentioned in the representation of the Council to this Board.

Minutes of the Council of New York, from 13th September, 1711, to 3rd January, 171 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Journal of the Assembly of New York, from 2nd October, 1711, to 24th November following.

New York.

*Letter from the
Governor.*

*Papers referr'd
to therein.*

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Five Acts of New York, upon which the Council have made remarks.

Five Acts of New York, with Colonel Hunter's remarks thereupon.

Acts pass'd at New York in October and November, 1711.

A letter to the Earl of Dartmouth, in answer to one from his lordship of the 27th of last month [fo. 179, 182], relating to her Majesty's ships of war trading to and from New York &c., directed at the last meeting, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

New York.
Letter to the Earl of Dartmouth. The Queen's ships trading at New York.

June 5. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A letter to the Earl of Dartmouth [fo. 181], relating to her Majesty's ships of war trading to and from New York, agreed last meeting, was signed.

New York.
Answer about Queen's ships trading at New York.

A reference from the Lord High Treasurer upon the petition of Mr. Duport in behalf of Mr. Willet, praying the confirmation of a grant of land in St. Christopher's, was read.

St. Christopher's.
Reference on a petition in behalf of Mr. Willet about a grant of land.

Mr. Loggan, her Majesty's Consul at Ostend, attending with Mr. Geoghegan [fo. 175], in relation to the ship *Mary* gally at Ostend, for which the said Geoghegan desires her Majesty's pass to go to Cadiz &c., mention'd in the minutes of the 20th of the last month, the said Loggan presented to their lordships a certificate of his having made oath before the Register of the Admiralty in Doctors' Commons that the said ship is British built, and the greatest part of her loading on account of her Majesty's subjects &c., which was read; whereupon a letter to Mr. Secretary St. John, relating to the pass for the said ship, was drawn up and signed.

Trade.
Mr. Loggan's certificate touching the ship Mary gally's being British built, &c.

A letter from the Earl of Dartmouth [fo. 180], in answer to one writ him the 2nd instant, inclosing one from Captain Cullen, dated at Ostend the 22nd of April, 1712, about Flemish ships having her Majesty's passes to go to Cadiz, was read.

Letter to Mr. Secretary St. John thereupon.

Their lordships took into consideration the draught of a letter to Colonel Hunter, Governor of New York [fo. 184], directed at the last meeting, and made a progress therein.

Trade.
Answer about Flemish ships having passes to go to Cadiz.

New York.
Letter to the Governor under consideration.

June 12. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Moore.

A letter from Mr. Taylour, of the 9th instant [fo. 206], referring to the Board, by order of the Lord High Treasurer, a petition to her Majesty from the Society for Propogating the Gospel, and of William Codrington, esquire, praying a grant of the reversion of the island of Burbuda, part of the Leeward Islands &c., was read; whereupon ordered that Colonel Nicholson have notice to attend the Board on Thursday next in the morning.

Leeward Islands.
Reference from the Treasury on the petition of the Society for Propogating the Gospel, &c. Reversion of the island of Burbuda.

Mr. Docminic attending [fo. 178, 198], presented to their lordships the names and characters of six persons, recommending them as very fitly qualify'd to be members of her Majesty's Council of New Jersey, in the room of those complain'd of by Colonel Hunter, Governor of that province, mentioned in the minutes of the 27th of the last month.

New Jersey.
Mr. Docminic's recommendation of persons to be of the Council.

1712.

New England.

*Dr. Stringer's scheme
for improving mines,
minerals, &c.*

New York.

Letter to the Governor.

Antego.

*Letters to Mr. Ayon
complaining of Major
Douglas.*

Then the secretary laid before their lordships a scheme for improving the mines, minerals, and the battery works in New England; as also some other papers relating to the mines &c. in this kingdom, which papers he had received from Dr. Stringer.

A letter to Colonel Hunter, Governor of New York [*fo.* 183], mentioned in the minutes of the fifth instant, was signed.

The secretary laid before their lordships the copies of two letters he had received from Mr. Micajah Perry, dated at Antego the 12th and 21st of March last, written to Mr. Ayon, complaining of the proceedings of Major Douglas, Governor of the Leeward Islands.

June 19. Present:—Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Baillie.

New York.

*Copy of the Board's
letter to the Lord
Treasurer about late
Earl of Sterling's
children,
order'd Mr. Lee.*

Mr. Bateman from Mr. Lee, praying that the said Lee may have a copy of their lordships' letter to the Lord High Treasurer [*fo.* 174], upon his petition to her Majesty, relating to a large tract of land, part of New York and Long Island, convey'd by the late Earl of Sterling to the Duke of York in 1663, mentioned in the minutes of the 15th of the last month; ordered that he have a copy thereof accordingly.

Barbadoes.

*Order on Mr.
Lowther's petition, re-
lating to a controversy
between him and
Skene.*

An Order of Council, of 23rd of May, 1712, upon the petition of Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, to her Majesty [*fo.* 177, 199], relating to a controversy between him and Mr. Skene, secretary of that island, about their rights to several fees, was read.

*Letter from Mr. Tilden
about perusal of
papers relating to the
ship Oxford and copy
of Mr. Skene's peti-
tion against Mr.
Lowther.*

The same granted.

A letter from Mr. Tilden, of the 18th instant, desiring the perusal of the papers in this office transmitted by Mr. Lowther [*fo.* 178], relating to the ship *Oxford*, seiz'd in Barbadoes, as also that he may have a copy of Mr. Skene's petition to her Majesty, complaining of Mr. Lowther [*fo.* 177], mention'd in the minutes of the 27th of the last month, was read; whereupon ordered that he have the perusal of the said papers, and a copy of the said petition, and that Mr. Skene likewise have a copy of the aforementioned Order of Council, on the petition of Mr. Lowther.

July 17. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

Miscellanies.

*New commission
and*

A new commission from her Majesty, dated the 7th instant, was open'd and read; whereby (besides the great officers of State as in other commissions of this Board, the Chancellor of the Exchequer excepted), the Earl of Winchilsea, the Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, senior, Robert Monckton, Arthur Moore, Francis Gwyn, Thomas Foley, and John Hynd Cotton, esquires, are appointed Commissioners for promoting the trade of this kingdom, and for inspecting and improving her Majesty's plantations in America and elsewhere; and my Lord Guilford, being present, took his place at the Board accordingly.

New Privy Seal.

A new Privy Seal, for the establishment of the Commission of Trade, was also read.

Mr. Micklethwayt, in behalf of Mr. Bryan Wheelock, one of the clerks of this office, attending, and desiring that their lordships would be pleased to give the said Wheelock leave to be absent six months longer, vizt., from the 7th of August to the 7th of February next, their lordships gave leave accordingly.

A memorial from Mr. Dummer, dated the 14th instant, containing a proposal for re-establishing packet boats to and from the West Indies, and praying a certificate from their lordships of their approbation of the said undertaking, was read; whereupon a certificate was accordingly drawn up and sign'd.

Mr. Campbell, Mr. Duport, and several others attending, they presented to their lordships an Act passed last Sessions of Parliament, entituled *An Act for the relief of the sufferers of the islands of Nevis and St. Christopher's by reason of the invasion of the French there in the year 1705*, which was read; they also presented to their lordships an address from the Lieutenant General, Council and Representatives of Nevis, thanking their lordships for their favour to them in relation to their said losses, which was also read; and these gentlemen desiring to know when their lordships would issue the debentures pursuant to the said Act, they were directed to lay before their lordships what proofs they had of the re-settlements made on those islands, [and] they promised to do the same to-morrow morning.

July 21. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton.

The secretary acquainted the Board that Mr. Onslow had been at the office [fo. 191] to desire their lordships to take into consideration a letter from the Earl of Sunderland, of the 23rd May, 1709, referring to this Board the petition of Thomas Onslow and other Jamaica merchants to her Majesty concerning a debt due to them by the factors of the Assiento, together with the proofs to the allegations in the said petition; whereupon their lordships order'd to have that matter laid before them on Thursday next in the morning.

Mr. Campbell and Mr. Duport attending, in relation to the sufferers of Nevis and St. Christopher's, the form of a debenture, pursuant to the Act mentioned in the minutes of the last meeting, was agreed, and ordered to be printed.

Ordered that an advertisement be put into the *Gazet*, giving notice to all persons concern'd for the said sufferers, that attendance will be given at this office every Monday and Thursday in the morning from 8 till 2, to receive their claims.

Further order'd that a letter be writ to Mr. Attorney General, to prepare the form of such an oath as is necessary to be required for the proof of a re-settlement, according to the intent and meaning of the aforementioned Act.

July 24. Present:—Lord Guilford, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

Order of Council, of 24th June, 1712, referring to their lordships the petition of Captain Robert Bickford, late commander and

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Mr. Wheelock's further leave to be absent till February next.

Jamaica.

Miscellanies.

Plantations General.
Mr. Dummer's proposal for re-establishing packet boats.

Nevis.

St. Christopher's.

Act explaining several clauses in a former one about relief of the sufferers there, &c.

Jamaica.

Mr. Onslow's desire to have the Earl of Sunderland's letter on his petition reconsider'd, about a debt due from the factors of the Assiento, &c.

Nevis.

St. Christopher's.

Form of a debenture agreed.

To be notified in the Gazette when the sufferers are to bring in their claims.

Letter to Mr. Attorney General about form of an oath to prove a re-settlement.

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Order on Capt. Bickford's petition praying satisfaction for the ship William and Jane taken by the French African Company. Representation to be drawn thereupon.

Trade.

Letter from Lord Bolingbroke, with project of a treaty of commerce.

Jamaica.

Mr. Onslow summoned about a debt due to him.

New York.

Letter from the Governor. Extract thereof about building a galley to be sent to Mr. Burchet.

Another letter from the Governor.

Papers of publick proceedings.

What relates to arms to be laid before her Majesty, and that about the conspiracy to be sent the Earl of Dartmouth.

part owner of the ship *William and Jane* [fo. 194], setting forth her having been taken by a ship belonging to the French African Company at Portudally in March, 1708-9, and praying satisfaction may be made for the said ship and cargo, was read; and their lordships, taking into consideration a former representation of this Board, relating to the said ship (Trade B., fo. 96), gave directions for preparing the draught of a new representation upon the aforementioned petition, with their lordships' opinion that her Majesty be pleased to take such measures as she shall think fit, for obtaining the satisfaction desired by the petitioner.

A letter from the Lord Bolingbroke, of the 21st instant [fo. 169, 193], referring to their lordships the project of a Treaty of Commerce between Great Britain and France, as the same has been hitherto regulated at Utrecht, for what further alterations the Board may judge proper to make therein, was read; and their lordships agreed to consider the same at their next meeting.

In the meantime, Mr. Moore took the said project, to make his observations thereupon.

August 6. Present:—Lord Guilford, Mr. Moore, Mr. Foley.

Ordered that Mr. Onslow have notice [fo. 188, 197] that their lordships intend, on Thursday the 14th instant, to take into consideration the petition of some Jamaica merchants (L. 58) relating to a debt due to them from the factors of the Assiento.

A letter from Colonel Hunter, dated at New York, the 1st of March last, with the address therein referr'd to, were read; whereupon ordered that paragraph A of the said letter, which relates to the building a galley there, and to the furnishing her Majesty's ships with rigging and other naval stores at easy rates, be sent to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty; and their lordships agreed to take into consideration at the first opportunity the Act mention'd in the foresaid letter to be pass'd in New Jersey for the currency of bills of credit.

Another letter from Colonel Hunter, dated at New York, the 23rd of June last, was read; and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follows:

Two Acts pass'd at New York the 6th of June, 1712.

Account of Courts and Offices in the Province of New York.

Account of arms and ammunition in the forts at New York.

An account of what stores are wanting in the garrison at New York.

Minutes of the Council of New York, from January 3rd, 1711, to the 21st June following.

The present state of the Courts of Judicature in New Jersey.

Whereupon ordered that paragraphs G and H, and the papers therein referr'd to, which relate to the arms and ordnance stores at New York and New Jersey, be laid before her Majesty for her pleasure thereupon; and that a letter be prepar'd [fo. 207] to the Earl of Dartmouth upon paragraph L of the said letter, concerning the conspiracy of the negro's at New York, proposing that her Majesty be graciously pleased to pardon those the Governor had reliev'd.

Their lordships agreed to hear on Thursday, the 14th instant [fo. 177, 194], what Mr. Skene has to offer upon his petition against Mr. Lowther for suspending him from the office of secretary of Barbadoes; and also to hear the owners of the ship *Oxford*, upon their petition against Mr. Lowther, for having seiz'd the said ship at Barbadoes; and that those concern'd for the Governor as well as those against him, have notice thereof.

A letter to Colonel Bennet, Governor of Bermuda, relating to an Act pass'd there, *impowering Richard Jennings to sell one share of land in Smith's tribe*, was sign'd.

Mr. Moore acquainted their lordships that my Lord Bolingbroke [fo. 190] had taken the project of a Treaty of Commerce, mention'd in the last minutes, with him to France.

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Mr. Skene's complaints and those about the ship Oxford to be heard.

Bermuda.

Letter to the Governor.

Trade.

Treaty of Commerce with France.

August 12. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Mr. Foley, Mr. Cotton.

Mr. Skeen and Mr. Tilden attending [fo. 193], in relation to the controversy between Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, and the said Mr. Skeen, mentioned in the minutes at the last meeting, they were acquainted that their lordships would hear that matter on Monday morning next, the 18th instant, as likewise the complaint relating to the ship *Oxford*.

The draught of a representation relating to the ship *William and Jane* [fo. 189, 196], seized by the French on the coast of Guinea in March, 1698, was agreed, and ordered to be transcrib'd.

A letter from Mr. Robert Cuninghame, dated at St. Christopher's, April the 30th, and 3rd and 30th May, 1712 [fo. 208], and the papers therein referr'd to, relating to the proceedings of Mr. Douglas, Governor of the Leeward Islands, against him, were read.

A letter from Mr. Attorney General, containing the form of an oath to be required for proof of a re-settlement [fo. 211], according to the Act of Parliament relating to the sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's, was read.

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Day fix'd for Mr. Skene's hearing.

Trade.

Draught of a representation about the ship William and Jane.

St. Christopher's.

Letter from Mr. Cuninghame touching the Governor's proceedings against him.

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St. Christopher's. Form of an oath for the proof of a re-settlement.

August 13. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Mr. Foley, Mr. Cotton.

A letter from the Earl of Dartmouth, of the 11th instant [fo. 205], desiring to have an account of such informations as their lordships may have received, relating to a clandestine trade carried on by one David Creagh in the West Indies, was read; and the secretary laid before their lordships a letter from the Lord Archibald Hamilton, dated the 15th of May last, together with the case of the said Creagh referr'd to therein; whereupon ordered that paragraph I of the said letter and a copy of the said case be sent to the Earl of Dartmouth, and a letter to his lordship, inclosing the same, was signed.

A representation relating to the ship *William and Jane* [fo. 194], seized by the French in Guinea, agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

Jamaica.

Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth about illegal trade in the West Indies.

Papers relating thereto sent his lordship.

Trade.

Representation touching the ship William and Jane.

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St. Christopher's.

*Persons about the time
when the oath to prove
re-settlements shall
be administer'd.*

*Form of the said oath
agreed, &c.*

Mr. Duport, Mr. Merrywether and Mr. Campbell attending, in relation to the sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's, and desiring to know when their lordships would be ready to administer the oath required by the Act of Parliament to prove the re-settlements &c.; they were acquainted their lordships wou'd be ready in a short time to do the same; and these gentlemen being withdrawn, their lordships agreed to the form of the said oath prepared by Mr. Attorney General, mentioned in yesterday's minutes, and ordered that the same be printed. Their lordships likewise agreed to an advertizement to be inserted in the *Gazette*, signifying the claims that have been made before their lordships in behalf of the several sufferers in each respective island, and that if any person has any objection why debentures should not be issued to them, or any of them, pursuant to a late Act of Parliament, they are to exhibit such objections at this Board on or before a certain day to be fixt; and further ordered that their lordships' resolutions herein be communicated to the said claimers.

August 14. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Mr. Foley, Mr. Cotton.

Nevis.

St. Christopher's.

*Mr. Campbell, &c.
about the advertize-
ment to be publish'd
in the Gazette.*

Mr. Campbell, Mr. Duport and Mr. Merriwether, with other Leeward Island merchants attending, in relation to the sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's, and desiring to know the nature of the advertizement their lordships design'd to publish in the *Gazette* (mentioned in yesterday's minutes), they were acquainted therewith, and their lordships agreed that the time for any persons making objections should be 40 days after the oaths of any of the persons that appeared for the said sufferers.

Jamaica.

*Papers relating to a
debt due from the
Assiento to Mr.
Onslow, &c.*

Mr. Onslow and Mr. Broughton attending [*fo.* 191, 218], the Order of Council of the 2nd of April, 1696, upon the petition of Charles Knight and others, relating to a debt due to them from the Assiento, with other papers thereunto belonging, as also a petition from Mr. Onslow and other Jamaica merchants on the same subject (mentioned in the minutes of the 6th instant), and a letter from his late Majesty, to the Earl of Insiquin, Governor of Jamaica, dated the 12th of February, 1698, about the said Assiento (*Jamaica Entries*, volume 4, folio 286), were all read; whereupon directions were given for searching the books in the Council Office for the representation mention'd in the said letter to have been made by the Ambassador of Spain touching the Assiento, and that the draught of a representation be prepared for laying the whole matter before her Majesty.

*Representation to be
prepared thereupon.*

New Jersey.

*Mr. Dockminique
about alterations in
the Council.*

Mr. Dockminique attending [*fo.* 184, 208], in relation to the alterations proposed by Colonel Hunter to be made in the Council of New Jersey, their lordships agreed to sign a representation for making such alterations as the Governor and the Proprietors had desired, in case the Bishop of London had no objections to the principles of the persons recommended; and Mr. Dockminique being withdrawn, a letter to the Bishop of London upon this matter was agreed and sent.

*Letter to the Bishop
of London thereupon.*

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August 18. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Mr. Foley, Mr. Cotton.

This day having been appointed for the hearing of the complaint of Mr. Skeen, secretary of Barbadoes [*fo.* 185, 214], against Mr. Lowther, Governor of that island, and the said Skeen attending on the one side, with Sir Thomas Powys and Mr. Williams his counsel, and Mr. Tilden in behalf of the said Governor on the other side, with Mr. Whitaker and Mr. Darnel his counsel; the letter from the Earl of Dartmouth, of the first of May last, together with the petition of the said Skeen (referr'd to therein), complaining of the Governor's having suspended him from the execution of his office, mentioned in the minutes of the 27th of May, were read; as also an Order of Council of the 23rd same month, with the petition of Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, referr'd to therein, relating to a controversy between him and the said Skeen about their rights to several fees &c., mentioned in the minutes of the 19th of June last.

Then Sir Thomas Powys open'd the matter, and stated the said Skeen's case as follows:—

That Mr. Skeen has a patent from her Majesty, dated the 8th May, in the first year of her Majesty's reign, by which he is made secretary of Barbadoes, secretary to the Governor of that island for the time being, secretary to the Governor and Council for the time being, secretary to the Council in the absence of the Governor and Clerk of the several Courts in the said island. Notwithstanding which patent, Mr. Crow, when he was Governor of that island, did exact, from the said Skeen, 400*l.* *per annum* for permission to act as secretary to him the Governor, which he paid for one year, untill upon his petition to her Majesty and a full hearing of that matter at this Board, and their lordships' representation thereupon to her Majesty, her Majesty was pleased to order that the said Skeen be restored to the full enjoyment of all fees, profits &c., belonging to his said places, pursuant to his patent.

That Mr. Crow refused to comply with her Majesty's order in this matter, and being soon after recalled, Mr. Lowther was appointed Governor in his place, and by her Majesty's commands an instruction was prepared for him, directing him to admit the said Skene to the several offices granted him by his patent, and to the full enjoyment of all the rights, profits, advantages, fees &c., thereto belonging; notwithstanding which instruction, and the proceedings in Mr. Crow's case, which Mr. Skene laid before Mr. Lowther, he did, soon after his arrival at Barbadoes, demand of the said Skene the summe of 400*l.* *per annum*, as belonging of right to him for his perquisite from the secretary's office.

That the said Skene not complying herewith, the Governor set up an inquisition, consisting of three of the members of the Council and three of the Assembly, to inquire whether the perquisites of the said office, or some part of them, did not belong to him, the Governor.

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Skeen's complaints
against the Governor.*

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That the said members did report their inquiry to the Governor and Council, in which report they inserted several articles of complaint against the said Skene, and though the Council were equally divided in their opinion upon it, yet the Governor proceeded to suspend the said Skene from the execution of all his offices.

Then Mr. Williams, on the same side, spoke much to the same purpose as Sir Thomas had done, adding that though the Governor had been several times apply'd to in behalf of the said Skene, for a copy of the said report against him, he could not obtain the same.

Then in proof of what had been alledged by him and Sir Thomas Powys the following papers were read, vizt. :

Mr. Skene's patent aforementioned. [Barbadoes, F., fo. 439.]

An Order of Council of 31st March, 1709 [ditto, fo. 435], referring to this Board a petition from the said Skene, complaining of Mr. Crow for incroachments upon his office.

The representation of this Board of 18th April, 1709 thereupon [ditto, fo. 444].

The Order of Council of 28th said month, upon the same representation, directing the Earl of Sunderland to signify her Majesty's pleasure as aforesaid. [Bar. G., fo. 28.]

Mr. Skene's petition and reference [ditto, fo. 104] upon Mr. Crow's not complying with her Majesty's said commands.

The Lord Dartmouth's letter of 28th July, 1710 [ditto, fo. 132], directing the Board to prepare an instruction to Mr. Lowther, in behalf of the said Skene, as aforesaid.

And the said instruction [ditto, fo. 159].

They also produced to their lordships the Governor's speech to the Assembly, on the 22nd January, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$, whereby he recommended to them to enquire into the difference between him and Mr. Skene aforesaid, as also Mr. Lowther's suspension of Mr. Skene, dated 12th February, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$, and in proof of the Governor's having refused to give Mr. Skene a copy of the report of the foresaid members, notwithstanding it had been ordered by himself in Council, February the 5th, 1712, they referr'd to Mr. Belgrove, who acquainted their lordships that he waited on the Governor with the petition from Mr. Skene for that purpose, but cou'd get no answer ; that he went to him several times after with letters, but without effect, till the night before that Mr. Skene came away ; that he had a promise of having a copy, which was then impossible to be done.

Then Mr. Whitaker and Mr. Darnel, in behalf of Mr. Lowther, said that Mr. Skene was not suspended upon account of the fees claimed by him, but for crimes and misdemeanors set forth in the report from the members of the Council and Assembly aforementioned ; part of which was read, relating to his taking unwarrantable fees ; in proof of which they read an affidavit of Arthur Upton, taken before the said members of Council and Assembly ; but Sir Thomas Powys objecting that this affidavit, being taken by the foresaid members of the Council and Assembly

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appointed by the Governor, ought not to be allowed as sufficient evidence against the said Skene, they read no more to that purpose.

Then they read the 20th article of the Governor's instructions, relating to the salary and perquisites to the Comander in Chief, in the absence of the Governor, as also the 86th article of the said instructions, whereby her Majesty reserves to the Governor the colating to benefices, the granting licences for marriages and probate of wills, from whence they inferr'd that the fees for those several services did of right belong to the Governor, and hoped that their lordships wou'd accordingly represent it.

Then Sir Thomas Powys, in his reply, took notice that in the last-mention'd instruction there is no notice taken of fees, but only that the Governor was authorized to grant licences of marriages &c. ; and he produced an Act past in Barbadoes, the 21st of October, 1670, for regulating and appointing the fees of the secretary of that island, in which the fees for a licence for marriage, for letters of administration and probate of wills are particularly mention'd.

After which, these gentlemen being withdrawn, their lordships gave directions for preparing the draught of a representation in favour of the said Skene.

August 26. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Mr. Cotton.

A letter from the Earl of Dartmouth, of the 21st instant, directing this Board, by her Majesty's order, to write to the Governors of the plantations not to send over any persons for crimes and misdemeanors, without full proof of their guilt, was read ; and an answer thereto, signifying that their lordships would immediately write such letters, and inclosing the extract of a letter from the Lord Archibald Hamilton [fo. 195], relating to Mr. Creagh, mentioned in the minutes of the 13th instant, was signed ; and the secretary then laying before their lordships the draught of such a letter to the said Governors, the same was agreed, and order'd to be transcrib'd.

Colonel Cleland and Colonel Nicholson, from the Society for Propogating the Gospel in Foreign Parts, attending [fo. 219], an Order of Council, of the 28th July, 1712, upon the petition of Mr. Poyer, clerk in New York, relating to the Governor's instructions about appeals to her Majesty in Council, praying that in causes relating immediately to the Church, an appeal may lye to the Governor and Council there, and to her Majesty and Privy Council here, without any restriction or limitation of the value or summe appealed for, was read ; and Colonel Nicholson thereupon said that he thought it would be no disadvantage if that clause of the Governor's instructions relating to appeals were left at large, and not limited in matters which relate to the Crown or to the rights of the Church ; and after some further discourse with him thereupon, their lordships agreed to take that matter into consideration at another opportunity.

A reference from the Lord High Treasurer, upon the petition of the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts [fo. 183, 219], and of William Codrington, esquire, praying for the reversion

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Jamaica.**

Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth about persons sent from the plantations.

Answer.

New York.

Order on Mr. Poyer's petition, relating to the Governor's instructions about appeals.

Col. Nicholson's thoughts thereupon.

Leeward Islands.

Reference on a petition praying the reversion of the island of Barbuda.

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Virginia.

Memorial praying the confirmation of an Act for sale of part of the estate of the late Col. Parke,

sent to Mr. Attorney General.

New York.

Letter to Earl of Dartmouth touching the conspiracy of the negroes there, &c.

Barbadoes.

Draught of a representation proposing the repeal of an Act about Christopher Estwick.

New Jersey.

Letter from the Bishop of London, approving new councillors.

of the island of Barbuda &c., read the 12th June last, was again read, and also several papers relating thereunto, and their lordships resolved to reconsider that matter.

A memorial from Mr. Micajah Perry and Richard Perry, praying the confirmation of an Act past in Virginia the 7th day of November, 1711, entituled *An Act to enable John Custis and Frances his wife to sell a mill with certain lands and negroes, which are entailed on the said Frances by the last will and testament of Daniel Parke, esquire, deceased, for payment of the debts and legacies of the said Daniel (Book of Virginia Laws, No. 4, folio 29)*, was read; whereupon ordered [fo. 211] that the said Act, as also the said memorial, be sent to Mr. Attorney General for his opinion thereupon in point of law.

The draught of a letter to the Earl of Dartmouth [fo. 192, 209], upon what Colonel Hunter, Governor of New York, writes in his letter of the 23rd of June last, read the 6th instant, relating to the conspiracy of the negroes there, to a pardon for some of them, and to ordnance stores wanting, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

The draught of a representation upon an Act past in Barbadoes the 8th of August, 1706 [fo. 177, 208], entituled *An Act for the better enabling the executors of Christopher Estwick, esquire, to pay the debts of the said Christopher Estwick*, proposing her Majesty's disapprobation and disallowance thereof, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

A letter from the Lord Bishop of London, of the 17th instant [fo. 198, 209], approving of the persons recommended to be counsellors of the province of New Jersey, was read; and the draught of a representation, proposing the said persons to be of the said Council of New Jersey, being laid before their lordships, the same was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

August 27. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Mr. Cotton.

St. Christopher's.

Letter from Mr. Cunningham complaining of Major Douglas.

A letter from Mr. Robert Cunningham, dated at St. Christopher's the 2nd July, 1712 [fo. 194, 210], relating to his imprisonment there, and to proceedings of Major Douglas, was read; and directions given for preparing an answer thereunto, and that an abstract of his said letter, as also of his former letter, mentioned in the minutes of the 12th instant, be transmitted to the Earl of Dartmouth.

Barbadoes.

Representation about Christopher Estwick.

A representation, proposing the repeal of an Act past in Barbadoes [fo. 207, 217], *for the better enabling the executors of Christopher Estwick, esquire, to pay the debts of the said Estwick*, agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

New Jersey.

Representation. New councillors.

A representation, proposing the removal of several persons to be members of the Council of New Jersey [fo. 208; R. fo. 143], and of the additions of others in their stead, agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

New York.

Conspiracy of negroes.

A letter to the Earl of Dartmouth [fo. 207], relating to the conspiracy of the negroes at New York, and to the want of some stores there, mentioned in yesterday's minutes, was signed.

Plantations General Proprieties.

Circular letters to the Governors about prisoners.

Circular letters to all her Majesty's Governors in the plantations, directing them not to send over any persons as prisoners, without

proof of the crime &c., agreed at the last meeting, were signed, as also one to the Lords Proprietors of Carolina, upon the same subject.

A letter from the Earl of Dartmouth, of the 26th instant, directing the Board to prepare the project of a Treaty of Commerce between Great Britain and the State of Venice, and to transmit the same to his lordship, was read; whereupon ordered [*fo.* 214] that the draught of such a Treaty be prepared accordingly.

Another letter from the Earl of Dartmouth, of the 25th of the last month, desiring to know if the Board have any objections to Mr. Broderick and Mr. Totterdale's being of the Council of Jamaica, was read.

An Order of Council, of the 17th July last, upon the petition of Mr. Edlyn and Mr. Mumby, members of the Council of Jamaica, praying leave to stay some time longer in England, was also read, and their lordships agreed to take both these matters into consideration at their first meeting.

August 29. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore.

A letter to the Lord Dartmouth [*fo.* 208], upon what Mr. Robert Cunningham, of St. Christopher's, had writ to their lordships in his late letters, mention'd in the minutes of the 12th and 27th instant, was signed.

September 25. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore.

A report from Mr. Attorney General on an Act pass'd in Virginia in November, 1711 [*fo.* 207; R. *fo.* 143], for sale of part of the estate of the late Colonel Parke, signifying he has no objection thereto, was read; and a representation, proposing her Majesty's confirmation of the said Act, was signed.

Mr. Campbell and Mr. Duport attending [*fo.* 195, 216], in behalf of the sufferers of Nevis and St. Christopher's, they presented to their lordships a memorial containing some objections to the form of the oath prepar'd by Mr. Attorney General, to be taken to prove a re-settlement in the said islands (mentioned in the minutes of the 12th of August last), which memorial was read. Whereupon ordered that a copy of the said memorial and of the said form of the oath, be sent to Mr. Attorney General for his opinion thereupon.

A letter from the Lord Bolingbroke, of the 17th instant [*fo.* 213], desiring to be inform'd of such heads of trade and other matters relating to Flanders, as may be proper to be incerted in the Earl of Orrery's instructions &c., was read; and Mr. Dorpere and Mr. James Ball, Flanders merchants, attending, they were acquainted with the subject of the said letter, and particularly with that part which relates to the raising of two millions of florins for the subsistence of the Imperialists in the Spanish Low Countries. Upon which they said they did not conceive it would be prejudicial to our trade, provided the Dutch did not (in order to raise that summe) lay new duties at Ghent, Bruges, Ostend, and in the New Conquests; nor in that case, provided our goods pay no higher duties than

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*Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth.
Treaty of Commerce with Venice.*

Jamaica.

Second letter from him about new councillors.

Order on Mr. Edlyn and Mumby's petition about leave to be absent.

St. Christopher's.

Letter to Earl of Dartmouth on complaints against the Governor.

Virginia.

*Mr. Attorney General's report on a Virginia Act.
Representation.*

Nevis.**St. Christopher.**

Memorial containing objections to the form of the oath prepared by Mr. Attorney General about re-settlements.

Trade.

Letter from the Lord Bolingbroke about Flanders trade.

Merchants' opinion thereupon.

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those imported into those places from Holland; and therefore they were of opinion that, if the tariff in Flanders of 1680 (which was revived after the battle of Ramelies) were put in execution, our trade would then be upon a good foot again.

As for the other matters which relate to the disadvantages our trade may lye under in that country, what they said was to the same purpose as what is contained in several memorials formerly presented to their lordships by Mr. Dorpere and others, which their lordships had recourse to; and thereupon gave directions for preparing a letter to the Lord Bolingbroke upon that matter.

After which, Mr. Dorpere complain'd that the duties here on Flanders linnen was much higher than those on linnens from Hamburgh; and he presented to their lordships two memorials upon that subject, desiring their lordships would take that matter into consideration. Whereupon order'd that the papers in this office given in by the Hamburgh Company be look'd out and communicated to Mr. Dorpere.

Trade.

Two memorials from Mr. Dorpere about the high duties here on Flanders linnen.

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to Flanders.**Trade.**

Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth about Treaty of Commerce with Venice.

October 16. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore.

A letter to the Lord Bolingbroke, in answer to one from his lordship of the 17th of the last month [fo. 212], relating to the trade to Flanders, was signed.

A letter from the Earl of Dartmouth, of the 26th August, 1712 [fo. 209, 252], directing the Board to prepare a project of a Treaty of Commerce between her Majesty's kingdoms and the State of Venice, was again read; and the draught of such a Treaty was ordered to be prepared accordingly.

October 31. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Foley, Mr. Hynde Cotton.

Ordered that Mr. Crow have notice that the Board design on Tuesday next to finish the business relating to Mr. Skeen [fo. 199, 218], that he may attend at the same time, if he has anything to offer thereupon.

A letter from Mr. Cunningham, dated at St. Christopher's the 12th August, 1712, containing several complaints against Major Douglas, was read; and a letter to the Earl of Dartmouth thereupon, inclosing the same, was signed.

A letter from Mr. Daniel Smith, dated the 11th July, 1712, giving an account of the French invasion at Mountserrat, was read.

Two letters from Colonel Lambert, Lieutenant Governor of St. Christopher's, of the 19th July, and 9th of August, 1712, on the said subject, were read.

Two letters from Major Douglas, Governor of the Leeward Islands, of the 13th and 25th of August, 1712, relating to the attempts made by the French at Mountserrat, were read; and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt.:

Several proclamations and orders of Major Douglas upon the French invasion of Mountserrat in August, 1712.

Journal of Major Douglas's attempt to relieve Mountserrat.

Barbadoes.

Representation about Skene.
Mr. Crow summon'd.

St. Christopher's.
Mr. Cunningham's complaints against Major Douglas sent Earl of Dartmouth.

Mountserat.
French invasion.

St. Christopher's.
Letter from Lieut. Governor on same subject.

Leeward Islands.
Two letters from the Governor about attempts made at Mountserrat by the French.

Papers referr'd to.

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Proceedings at Barbadoes in relation to assistance to be sent to the Leeward Islands in July, 1712.

Letters between Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, and the captains of the men-of-war there, in relation to assistance for the Leeward Islands in July, 1712.

Letters between Major Douglas and the captains of the Barbadoes men-of-war about assisting the Leeward Islands in July, 1712.

Letter from Mr. Edward Parsons, of Mountserratt, to Major Douglas, dated the 2nd of August, 1712.

Mr. Attorney General's report, in answer to a letter writ him the 1st instant [*fo.* 211, 218], on the subject of the oath to be taken by the sufferers of Nevis and St. Christopher's, to prove re-settlements, was read; whereupon ordered that the persons concerned in that affair have notice to attend the Board on Tuesday next.

A letter from Mr. Lowndes, of 24th September, 1712 [*fo.* 221], by order of my Lord High Treasurer, referring to the Board several papers relating to the Lutestring Company, as also a memorial from the said Company, were read; and Sir George Stonehouse, in behalf of the Company, attending, he was acquainted with their lordships' desire that some members thereof do bring to their lordships, on Fryday next in the morning, a particular account of the sums of money received by the Company from the Crown, and how the same has been laid out.

Order of Council, of the 8th March, 1712, on a representation of the 19th February foregoing [*fo.* 102, 222], proposing the repeal of an Act past in Barbadoes the 21st March, 1709, *to render more effectual certain legacies given and bequeath'd to (sic) Captain Williams, deceased*, approving the said representation, was read.

Another Order of Council, of the 8th September, 1712, on a representation of the 27th August foregoing, proposing the repeal of an Act past in Barbadoes the 8th of August, 1706 [*fo.* 209, 222], *to enable the executors of Christopher Estwick, esquire, to pay the debts of the said Estwick*, approving the said representation, was read.

Ordered that a letter be prepared for inclosing the said orders to Mr. Lowther.

A copy of a commission to Colonel Nicholson, empowering him to inquire into the accounts of monies &c. in the plantations on the Continent of America since 1701, was read.

Memorial of Mr. Strahan, agent to the four independant companies of foot at New York [*fo.* 250], with an extract of a letter from Colonel Hunter, desiring an augmentation of troops there, was read.

November 4. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows,

Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Foley, Mr. H. Cotton.

Mr. Onslow and Mr. Broughton attending [*fo.* 197, 220], in relation to a debt due to them from the factors of the Assiento, and after some discourse with them thereupon, ordered that the draught of a representation be prepared for laying the state of that matter before her Majesty.

Nevis.

St. Christopher's.
Mr. Attorney General's report on the oath to prove re-settlements.

Trade.

Reference from the Treasury about the Lustring Company.

Account of money received by them from the Crown, to be produc'd.

Barbadoes.

Order repealing a private Act.

Barbadoes.

Order repealing another private Act.

Plantations General.
Col. Nicholson's commission.

New York.

Mr. Strahan's memorial about augmentation of troops there.

Jamaica.

Mr. Onslow and Broughton about a debt due to them from the Assiento. Representation thereupon.

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Barbadoes.

*Mr. Crow's hearing appointed.
Skeen and Tilden to have notice.*

Nevis.**St. Christopher's.**

Gentlemen about form of an oath to prove re-settlements.

Jamaica.

*Simpson and Gandy's papers to be reconsider'd.
Agents to have notice.*

Mr. Crow attending [*fo.* 214, 219], and desiring to be heard by council in relation to the fees of the private secretary of Barbadoes, their lordships appointed Thursday next for that purpose, and ordered that Mr. Skeen and Mr. Tilden have notice thereof, to come prepared with one counsel each.

Mr. Campbell and Mr. Duport, with several Leeward Island gentlemen attending [*fo.* 216, 220], in relation to the form of an oath to be taken by the sufferers of Nevis and St. Christopher's, to prove re-settlements there, they were acquainted that their lordships agreed to proceed on that affair on Thursday next.

Their lordships agreed to reconsider the several papers in the office, touching a difference between Mr. Simpson, Mrs. Gandy and Mr. Finch on Tuesday next; and ordered that Mr. Compere and Mr. Daniel have notice thereof.

November 6. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Foley, Mr. Cotton.

Colonel Nicholson attending [*fo.* 206, 231], and desiring their lordships to appoint a day to consider the reference from my Lord Treasurer relating to the island of Barbuda, as also the reference [*fo.* 205, 232] from the Council upon the petition of Mr. Poyer, clerk in New York, relating to the Governor's instructions about appeals to her Majesty in Council; their lordships agreed on Thursday next for that matter.

Leeward Islands.

*Col. Nicholson.
Reference from the Treasury relating to the island of Barbuda and*

New York.

Reference from the Council on Mr. Poyer's petition about appeals.

Barbadoes.

Mr. Crow about his hearing.

Mr. Crow and Mr. Skeen attending [*fo.* 218, 221], as they had been directed, Mr. Crow acquainted their lordships that he was not ready to lay before their lordships what he had to offer in relation to the fees of the private secretary of Barbadoes, by reason that his council was engaged in Westminster Hall, and after some discourse with him thereupon, he promised to let their lordships know to-morrow morning what day next week he can be ready.

Mr. Campbell and Mr. Duport, with other Leeward Island gentlemen attending [*fo.* 218], their lordships agreed upon the form of the oath for proving a re-settlement at Nevis and St. Christopher's, and ordered the same to be printed. Their lordships further agreed to meet on Monday next, at nine of the clock in the morning, to take the oaths of such persons as shall then be ready to prove re-settlements; and ordered that an advertizement be put into the *Gazette*, to inform all whom it may concern that such proofs is to be made before the 25th December next.

Nevis.**St. Christopher's.**

*Oath to prove re-settlements agreed and order'd to be printed.
A day fix'd for administering the same.*

Jamaica.

Mr. Broughton with papers relating to a debt due from the Spanish Assiento.

Mr. Broughton attending [*fo.* 218, 222], laid before the Board several papers relating to a debt due by the Spanish Assiento to some merchants of Jamaica, among which there being the affidavit of Sir James Del Castillo, sworn the 5th of October, 1709, a copy was ordered to be taken thereof.

Then the draught of a representation upon the petition of several Jamaica merchants, relating to a debt due to them from the Assiento, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

Draught of a representation thereupon.

November 7. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Foley, Mr. Cotton.

Mr. Lekeux, Deputy Governor of the Lustring Company, attending [fo. 216, 246], presented to their lordships an account of the disbursment of 2,400*l.*, received by the Company from the Crown, but there being an omission in it, 'twas taken back to be amended.

Mr. Nash, in behalf of Mr. Crow, attending [fo. 219, 233], acquainted their lordships that Mr. Crow could not be ready with his counsel before Friday next at eleven a clock in the morning; whereupon their lordships agreed on that day and hour, to hear what he has to offer in relation to the fees of the private secretary at Barbadoes; and ordered that Mr. Skeen and Mr. Tilden have notice thereof.

The account of incident charges of this office, from Lady Day, 1712, to Michaelmas following, were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

Account of petty expences, from Lady Day, 1712,	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
to Michaelmas following, amounting to ..	68	17	9*
The stationer's account for the same time ..	65	7	9
The post officer's account for the same time ..	111	8	9
Mr. Clark's account for wood and coals..	33	18	9

In all 279 13 0†

And a letter to my Lord High Treasurer, to desire the payment thereof, as also of the salaries due to this office, was signed.

The draught of a representation on the petition of Mr. Onslow and several merchants of Jamaica [fo. 220], concerning a debt, due to them from the factors of the Assiento, was signed.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, inclosing two Orders of Council [fo. 216, 217, 263], repealing two Barbadoes Acts, mentioned in the minutes of the 31st of October last, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

November 10. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Foley, Mr. Cotton.

Their lordships having met this day, in order to administer the oaths to prove the re-settlements of the sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's; and Mr. John Spencer attending, he took the oath to prove the re-settlement of Walter Hamilton, esquire, at St. Christopher's, as also another oath to prove the said Walter's re-settlement at Nevis, and another to prove his re-settlement in conjunction with Archibald Hamilton, esquire, there. Then the said Walter Hamilton attending also, he took the oath to the re-settlement of the following persons, planters at Nevis, vizt. :

Archibald Hamilton.	James Jackson and Edward
John Coker.	James.
Eliz. Thomas.	Eliz. Child.
Tho. Cole.	Eliz. Marden.

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Disbursments of money received by the Lustring Company from the Crown.

Barbadoes.

A day fixed for hearing Mr. Crow.

Mr. Skeen and Tilden to have notice.

Miscellanies.

Account of incidents.

Letter to Lord Treasurer. Salaries.

Jamaica.
Representation. Assiento.

Barbadoes.
Letter to the Governor with orders repealing two private Acts.

Nevis.
St. Christopher's.
General Hamilton and Mr. Spencer took the oaths to prove the re-settlement of persons underwritten.

* [In right hand margin :] 68*l.* 15*s.* 11*d.*

† [Ditto :] 279*l.* 11*s.* 2*d.*

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Tho. Fenton.	Christian Broome.
James Emra.	Azariah Pinney.
John Smargin.	Richard Merrywether and
Daniel Smith and Penelope	Azariah Pinney.
Mead.	Mary Helme.
Isaac Wignal.	Major John Smargin.
Thomas Abbot.	William Peterson.
Michael Slow.	Richard Bowrey.
Jane Isaacks.	William and Richard Bowrey.
John Latoysionier.	John Richardson.
Tho. Symonds.	Henry Lloyd.
William Basnet.	Deborah Stanley.
Samuel Jeffereys.	Mary, Francis and Ann Hill.
Eliz. Burt.	Ann Lyng, Mary, Francis and
Charles Bridgewater.	Ann Hill.
Thomas Goare.	Eliz. Richardson, Mary, Francis
William Smith.	and Ann Hill.
Nathaniel Gardner.	Edward Parris.
Thomas Bridgewater.	John Slade.
Thomas Walwin.	Michael Williams.
Ruben Stallinge.	Thomas Austin.
John Hayns.	James Bevon.
Jasper Wall.	Wm. Rogerson and Philip de
John Ward and James	Wit.
Houblon.	William Bennet.
James Milleken and Margt.	Edward Prentice and Ann
Tovey.	Prentice.
John Bishop.	Thomas Beauchamp.
John Wignal.	James Bevon and Thomas
Walter Tobin.	Beauchamp.
Samuel Clark.	Leonard Hendrickson.
James Walker.	Richard Mercer.
Jacob Williams.	Jane Lee.
Edward Prentice.	Margaret and Lawrence
Joseph Rays.	Broadbelt.
John Edgerly.	John Smith.
Sarah Bennet.	Shershaw Cary.
John Brown.	Mary Miller <i>alias</i> Bodingham
Ambrose Howard.	and Shershaw Cary.
Jonathan and Mary	Rachel Symmonds.
Netherway.	Mary Miller and Shershaw Cary.
Thomas Herbert.	John Henley.
John Hugins.	Jenkin Rice.
Isaac Evans.	John Dacent.
John Oysterman.	William Kitt.
Fran. Saunders.	William Fenton, senior.
William Iles.	Jeremiah Brown.
John Buttler.	John Fauset.
Thomas Neal.	William Buttler.
Samuel Clark.	James Litton.
Jonas Webbar.	John Litton.
Rachel Symmonds.	Thomas Fenton.

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John Brooks.	William Maynard.
Sarah Morgan.	John Tonal.
James Symmonds.	James Russell Maden.
George Webb.	John Hobson.
Thomas Herbert.	Lady Ann and Lady Francis
George Hooker.	Stapleton.
Jeremiah Clifton.	John Hayton.
Eliz., Joshua and George	Margaret Broadbelt.
Webb.	William Fenton.
Joseph, James and John	Josiah Webb.
Symmonds and John Tonal.	Ann Broadbelt.
William Burk.	James Perkinson.
John Symmonds.	Thomas Barnaby.
Joseph Jorey.	Carew Broadbelt.
John Choppin.	Susannah Jones.
John Thornton.	James Walwin <i>alias</i> Mere-
John Thornton and Thomas	wether.
Smith.	John Griffin.
Mary Clifton.	Samuel Gardner.
John Parke.	Carolina Child.
Bridget Evans.	James Brown.
Edward James.	Thomas and William Fenton.
John Green.	Eliz. Erle.
Sylvanus Taylor.	Ch. Williams.
Nath. Kitt.	James Child and Carolina Child.
Thomas Belman and Roger	Christian Hill.
Pemberton.	Sarah Evant.
Thomas Belman.	Penelope Gardner.
Thomas Powell.	Wm. and Jos. Scarborough.
Ann Howell.	Ann Broadbelt.
Daniel Ravenhill.	John Fifield.
Robert Ellis.	Mary Miller and Shershaw
Eliz. Hunt.	Cary.
Lady Frances Stapleton.	Ruben Stallinge.
Martin Maden.	John Spencer.
Edward David and Nathaniel	Daniel Smith.
Gardner.	Thomas Buttler.
Joshua Hobson.	Jos. Symmonds.
Henry Rawlins.	Richard Abbot.

Then the said Walter Hamilton took the oath to prove the re-settlement of the following persons, inhabitants at Nevis :—

Eliz. Johnson.	Abraham Bueno de Musqueta.
Rachel Ellford <i>alias</i> Bent.	Judith Adams.
Francis Powsland.	Tho. and John Nowell.
Alexander Langdon.	Sarah Lobatto.
George Richardson.	Joan Drew.
William Conohore.	William Richards.
John Horn.	Ann Binham.
Isaac Francis.	John Hilton.
Joan Buttler.	Joseph Gurnay.
Eliz. Flin.	Michael Nowell.

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Henry Jackson.	Ephraim Musqueta.
Richard Westbury.	Alice Pollock.
Olivia Williams.	William Wignall.
Sarah Watkins.	James Evans.
Susannah Buck.	Richard Martin.
Hannah Payn.	John Huffam.
Maher Shahel Hashbeth Heath.	Christian Hodgson.
John Turtle.	John Laberte.
Abraham Smargin.	Nich. Burroughs.
John Coker.	Solomon Israel.
James Smith.	Jacob Senior.
Alexander Squire.	William Fenton.
Simeon Rogers.	Elenor Eyres.
Francis Teape.	Mary Johnson.
William Hull.	Sibella Richards.
Daniel Smith and Penelope Mead.	John Humphreys.
John Carpenter.	William Griffis.
William Newman.	Robert Cane.
John Smith.	Sarah Cecil.
Thomas Meads.	Michael Smith.
Richard Buttler.	George Burt.
Jeremiah Smith.	Thomas Fox.
Eliz. and Parnel Bates.	George Chappell.
Peter Christian.	William Steward.
Isaac Penheiro.	Blanch Burt.
Joseph Chapman.	David Jones.
William Stanton.	John Kelly.
Shakerly and Cath. Israel.	John Ham.
Precilla Brown.	Joan Fletcher.
Shakerly Israel.	Mary Poor.
John Woodley.	Mary Netherway.
Hannaniah Arrobas.	Roger Prentice, Eliz. Austin,
Raphael Abendene.	Ann Brown and Sarah
Joseph Glanville.	Prentice.
Ann Gurney.	George Brown.
Henry Grey.	John MacShean.
William Turner.	Joseph Austin.
Deborah Lobatto.	William Weeks.
Robert Cook.	Tobias Pinder.
Mary Slade.	Barth. Springet.
Margery Palvin.	Mary Clare.
William Palvin.	John Clare.
Ann Webbar.	Richard Garey.

November 11. Present :—Lord Guilford, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Foley, Mr. H. Cotton:

Their lordships proceeded to administer the oaths to prove the re-settlements of the sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's, and Lieutenant-General Hamilton attending, he took the oath to the re-settlement of the following persons, inhabitants at Nevis, vizt. :

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St. Christopher's.
Lt.-General Hamilton
sworn to re-settlements
by inhabitants

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Robert Cambelt.

James Gruff.

Hannah Knight.

William Steel.

James Caskie.

Richard Troske.

Hugh Willey.

Thomas Crassey.

Daniel Stephens.

Eliz. Buttler.

Edward Lashley.

James Erle.

Ann Troske.

William Burt.

Robert Carter.

Peter Peterson.

Matthew Moconnell.

Patrick Barret.

Thomas Bartlet.

John Troske.

Arthur Pinkeman.

Matt. Martin.

Benjamin Bartlet.

Ann Sheppard.

Mary Buttler.

Francis Buttler.

Ann Stoddart.

John Wyat.

Benjamin Webbar.

George Saunders.

Robert Pecke.

John Bennet.

William Fenton, junior.

John Wattley.

Nath. Harris and Richard
Bowry.

John Huggins.

Thomas Wilkinson.

William Harris, junior.

William and John Smith.

George Hobson.

Thomas Hawks.

Henry Martin.

Thomas Minor.

Thomas Cotgrave.

Samuel Brown.

John Huffam.

Dr. William Semple.

After this, Lieutenant-General Hamilton took the same oath to prove the re-settlers of the following planters at St. Christopher's, vizt. :

*planters.*Honble. Michael Lambert,
esquire.Christopher Codrington, es-
quire.

Joseph Crispe.

William Willet, esquire.

Daniel Smith.

Francis Philips.

John Williams.

Penelope Mead.

James Bisket.

Jedediah Hutchinson.

Margaret Hill.

Susannah Cole.

James Ward.

Daniel Burchall.

Francis Kerrie.

Samuel Manning.

Jedediah Hutchinson and
John Panton.

Benjamin Markham.

Sarah Pike.

Ann Lillington.

Jonas Aikers.

William MacDowell.

Francis Claxton.

Lady Cath. Matthews.

Peter Van Bell.

John Pogson.

Clement Clook.

Isaac Jolly.

Andrew Thauvet.

John Papin.

Joan Battrey.

John Peters.

James Norton.

James Bisket and Company.

John Neale.

William Stephens.

Benjamin Clifton.

Thomas Westcoat.

Robert MacClear.

John King.

William Battrey.

Areales Seaton.

Joseph Crisp, junior.

James Jackson.

John Evrenden.

James Burroughs.

Henry Willet.

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Sarah MacArthur.
John Dixon.
William Abbot.
Jasper Verchild.
Charles Powell.

William Bowrey.
Mary Pember.
Ann Estridge.
Tim. Hare.

Jamaica.

*Order referring back
the Board's repre-
sentation on Finch
and Gandy's petition,
&c.*

*Letter to Mr. Attorney
and Solicitor General
with the several papers
relating thereto.*

An Order of Council, of the 8th of March last [*fo.* 105 ; *Q. fo.* 157], referring back to their lordships the representation of this Board of the 21st February, 1711 $\frac{1}{2}$, upon the petition of Thomas Finch and Mrs. Gandy, of Jamaica, and upon the Act for vesting the estate of the said Finch in trustees &c., was read ; and their lordships, taking notice that they are required by the said Order to consult Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Solicitor General in this matter, ordered that a letter be writ to them, inclosing all the papers in this office upon this affair, and to desire their opinion thereupon.

November 13. Present :—Lord Guilford, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Foley, Mr. H. Cotton.

Leeward Islands.
*Gentlemen about the
reference from the
Treasury relating to
the island of Barbuda.*

Dr. King, Colonel Nicholson and Mr. Edwards, in behalf of the Society for Propagation of the Gospel, as also Colonel Cleland and Mr. Chester, in behalf of Mr. William Codrington, [attending,] the reference from the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of the said Society, and [of] the said William Codrington, was read, praying for a reversion of the island of Barbuda [*fo.* 219] ; and these gentlemen being asked several questions thereupon, they said that the grant from King Charles the Second, of the said island, was for 50 years, of which there are 28 past ; that, by reason of the war since the said grant, the grantees have not been able to make any great benefit of it ; that they have had considerable losses by pirates and privateers, and particularly one Brumingham, who, about two years ago, landed with some French on that island, and carried off the slave-servants and dead stock, killed great quantities of their cattel, and destroy'd the castle, which had been built by Colonel Codrington ; that, if her Majesty would be pleased to grant the said island to the petitioners, or to renew the lease for a long term of years, they should then buy negroes, and endeavour to plant and raise ginger and cotton works, which, in case they should succeed, would not only be of an advantage to this kingdom, but her Majesty's revenue of the Customs, and inable the Society to proceed in the propagating the Gospel in those parts ; but, on the other hand, if the petitioners' request be not comply'd with, they cannot then be at that expence, because they may not be able to reimburse themselves before the expiration of their lease ; that the island of itself is barren, and only used for the feeding of cattle ; that it will be of little or no value to anybody else, by reason of the term the petitioners have yet in it ; and, after some further discourse with those gentlemen, their lordships agreed to take the whole matter into consideration at the next convenient opportunity.

and

New York.
*Touching the Order of
Council on Mr.
Poyer's petition about
appeals.*

Then the Order of Council, of the 28th of July, 1712 [*fo.* 219, 246], upon the petition of Mr. Poyer, clerk in New York, relating to the Governor's instructions about appeals to her Majesty in Council, was read ; and the foremention'd gentlemen said they only desir'd

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that the instruction to the Governor, in relation to the appeals from inferior Courts to him in Council, and from him to the Queen, might be altered, that is, that there may be no restriction of the summe to be appealed for in what relates to the clergy; and after some discourse with them thereupon, their lordships asked them whether they would not be satisfy'd, in case appeals were allow'd to be made by the clergy to the Governor in Council without restriction of any summe; Dr. King said they acquiesc'd in it. These gentlemen being withdrawn, their lordships gave direction for preparing a draught of a representation accordingly.

November 14. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Foley, Mr. Cotton.

Mr. Crow attending [fo. 221, 244], with Mr. Lutwich, his council, Mr. Skene, with Mr. Attorney General, and Mr. Tilden, in behalf of the Governor of Barbadoes, with Mr. Solicitor General, as they had been appointed the 7th instant, Mr. Solicitor General would have enter'd into the merits of the dispute between the Governor of Barbadoes and Mr. Skene, but their lordships acquainted him that that matter had been already heard; they were at present to confine themselves to that point of the Governor's having a right to any of the fees of the secretary.

Barbadoes.
*Hearing of
Mr. Skene's com-
plaints against the
Governor.*

Then Mr. Solicitor General said that, by one of her Majesty's instructions to the Governor (No. 20), it is directed that in case of the absence of the Governor in Chief, a moiety of his salary and all the perquisites shall be paid to the Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief during such absence, which plainly implies that there are fees and perquisites; that, by another instruction (No. 86), her Majesty does reserve the colating to benefices, granting of licences for marriage and probate of wills to the Governor, from whence he inferr'd that it is not probable that her Majesty shou'd give the Governor the power of executing those matters, and that the secretary of the island should run away with the profit; that besides what he had offer'd, he said that constant usage was against Mr. Skene, for that Sir Jonathan Atkins (who was Governor in the year 1679), and all the succeeding Governors to this time have always had an allowance from the secretary for their share of the fees.

Then Mr. Lutwich said that, by the foremention'd instructions, it was plain that the Governor had fees and perquisites belonging to him; that he had some Mr. Skene could not pretend to, particularly in the four following cases: For orders upon petitions, for all acts done as ordinary, for all military commissions, and for transcripts of all things that are under the Great Seal; besides that by an Act past in Barbadoes the 9th of November, 1668 [*Barbadoes Laws*, fo. 76], entituled *An Act for regulating and appointing the fees of the several offices in this island and other publick Ministers*, the fees of the ordinary, which is the Governor, and his register, are settled; and this Act not having been repealed, the Governor had undoubtedly a right to the same; and as a proof that Mr. Skene did not reckon the fees of the private secretary as perquisites of the secretary's office, he said that Mr. Skene had

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never accounted with Mr. Welbey (who was for some years sharer with him in the profits of his office) for the fees he received as private secretary ; which Mr. Skene did acknowledge to be true.

That the Governor in this dispute had taken the proper method to be inform'd of his or Mr. Skene's right to the said fees by recommending the same to the Council and Assembly ; and that upon the Assembly's address setting forth his right to the said fees, and some misdemeanors alledged against the said Skene, and their desire that he should suspend the said Skene from the execution of all his offices, he had done it accordingly ; and he thought the Governor justifiable therein, having done nothing but by advice of the Council and Assembly there ; upon this occasion the Governor's speech to the Council and Assembly, and part of their address to him thereupon, which related to the like dispute between Mr. Skene and the Lord Grey, when Governor of that island, setting forth the opinion of the then Council, that the Lord Grey had a right to the fees in dispute, were read.

Several papers and depositions relating to Mr. Skene, secretary of Barbadoes.

And as a further instance that this dispute had already been determined by her Majesty, Mr. Lutwich affirmed that in the articles formerly exhibited against Mr. Crow by three of the Council of that island, one of the articles was that Mr. Crow had demanded four hundred pounds *per annum* of the said Skene for his share of the fees accruing by the private secretary's office, and that her Majesty, upon a hearing in Council, had dismissed the said complaints, in proof of which he produced her Majesty's Order in Council of 13th December, 1710.

Then Mr. Attorney General, in behalf of the said Skene, said that, by his patent under the Great Seal of this kingdom, he is to enjoy all the places therein mention'd (amongst which is that of the private secretary, with all and singular the rights, profits, advantages, fees, rewards and emoluments, powers and immunities thereunto belonging, in as full and ample manner as any persons formerly exercising the same have done.

That Mr. Skene demands no fees, but such as former secretaries have had, and are settled upon them by an Act past in Barbadoes the 21st of October, 1670 [*Bar. Laws*, 97], entituled *An Act for regulating and appointing the fees of the secretary of this island* ; that this Act, being pass'd two years after that already mentioned by Mr. Lutwich, and giving to the secretary those very fees that are by the former given to the Ordinary, it was plain (though the first Act is not repealed in express terms) the Assembly did not intend the said fees should be received by the Governor ; and he added that it was also plain that the first Act was look'd upon as repealed or obsolete, for that the secretary receiving for the proving of a will before the Governor 40*lb.* of sugar, and the like for the letters of administration, the Governor might, were the former Act in force, receive the like quantity of sugar, which would be 80*lb.* for every probate or administration, which was never yet done.

That the instructions above-mention'd did not specify any fees to be taken by the Governor ; and, if they did, they being only under the Sign Manual and Privy Seal, could not vacate a right given by the Great Seal.

The arbitrary proceedings of former Governors was no proof of a right, their exacting by threats, ill usage or other ways, an annual sum of money from the secretary; and the secretary's compliance therewith, was no good claim of right, but a manifest violation of the privilege of her Majesty's Patent Officer.

That the method taken by the Governor for enquiring into the rights to the said fees, as is alledged, was by no means proper. It might have been well in cases where the advice of the Legislature was necessary for the good and safety of the government of that island; but in this case it was setting up an inquisition of his own creatures, to enquire into her Majesty's prerogative and power of granting patents for places in the plantations; and therefore he did not beleive it would be insisted on by the council on the other side.

As to the address of the Council and Assembly above-mention'd, Mr. Attorney took notice that the addressors only mention'd what was the opinion of the Council in the Lord Grey's time upon that matter, but take no notice of what was writ to the Lord Grey by this Board thereupon in July, 1701 [*Bar. B., fo. 334*], vizt., That he had made an innovation upon the secretary to the prejudice of his Majesty's Letters Patents, which would by no means be allow'd, and that, unless he made the said Skene immediate satisfaction for the profits received by his private secretary, the Board would think themselves obliged to lay that matter before his Majesty, which letter was read.

As to what had been alledged, that her Majesty had already determined the matter, Mr. Attorney said that 'twas true the complaints of the foremention'd councillors against Mr. Crow had been dismiss'd, but that it was for want of proof; and he added that her Majesty was so far from allowing those encroachments upon her Patent Officer [*Bar. F., fo. 444*], that, upon a representation of this Board on the complaints of Mr. Skene against Mr. Crow, she was pleased by her Order in Council, of the 28th April, 1709 [*ditto G., fo. 28*], to direct the then Secretary of State to prepare a letter for her royal signature, requiring Mr. Crow to restore the said Skene to all his places, and to the enjoyment of all the rights, profits, advantages and fees thereunto belonging, and by the 49th article of her instructions to the present Governor she is pleased to take notice that Mr. Crow had not comply'd with the foremention'd directions, and therefore required Mr. Lowther to do it immediately upon his arrival.

Then Mr. Solicitor General only took notice that the Governor had obey'd the said instructions, and replaced Mr. Skene in his several offices, and should not have suspended him, but for the foremention'd address of the Council and Assembly.

Those gentlemen being withdrawn, their lordships agreed to take this matter into consideration on Wednesday morning next, in order to the preparing a representation to lay this matter before her Majesty.

November 18. Present:—Lord Guilford, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Foley, Mr. H. Cotton.

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*Lt.-General Hamilton
sworn to re-settlements
of planters*

Their lordships proceeded to administer the oaths to prove the re-settlements of the sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's, and Lieutenant-General Hamilton attending, he took the oath to the re-settlement of the following persons, planters at Nevis, vizt. :

William Woodley.
Mary Hutchinson.
Gabriel Papin.
John Evans.
John Davis.
John Willet.
Henry Litton.
Margaret Willet.
Charles Paine.
John Thomas.
William Vinton.
Henry King.
Mary King.
William Singleton.
John Morris.
Mansel Frank.
Ph. Lake, senior.
Robert Cunningham.
William Dupee.
John Esdaile.
Daniel Whitehead.
John Waters.
Robert Munday.
Margaret Biss.
Richard Bowrey.
John Abbot.
Sebastian Branch.

and

Ralph Whitehead.
John Liswell.
Paul de Brissaq.
Jacob Theroulde.
Cecilia Percival.
Ephraim Warner.
Edward Warner, senior.
Charles Rowland.
Thomas Dixon.
John Seborne.
Ph. Lacousay.
Henry Scroopholm.
James Ross.
Mr. Robert Mullins.
Ditto in right of his wife.
Samuel Mathers.
Colonel John Garnet.
Colonel John Garnet and
Captain John Bourryan.
Colonel Stephen Payne.
Captain Henry Burrel.
Captain Henry Burrel and
Edward Gilliard.
Captain Burryan.
Captain Rowland Davis.
Colonel John Pantons.
Edward Gilliard.

St. Christopher's
inhabitants.

After this, Lieutenant-General Hamilton took the like oath to prove the re-settlement of the following inhabitants at St. Christopher's, vizt. :

Peter Soulegre.
John Helden.
Hester Fox.
Sarah Pogson.
Jeremiah Daulton.
James Ramsey.
Richard Mansfeild.
Nicholas Stone.
Edward Tisdal.
Jonas Aikers.
Martha Assailly.
Phil. Lake, junior.
Morris Casey.
Simon Casey.
George Rivets.
Henry Billingsly.
Robert Kemp.

Caleb Rawleigh.
John Binnel.
Ozea Guilhen.
Mary Deveel.
Richard Atkins.
John Olowing.
Francis Guischard.
Charles Silver.
Patience Cook.
Richard Rattcliffe.
John Parke.
Mary Sherman.
John Baird.
Matthew Bursdal.
Leonard Woodward.
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Sarah Brown.
 Samuel George.
 John Everenden.
 Gideon Drascon.
 Sarah Cook.
 Edward Chadduck.
 Thomas Boxley.
 Eliz. Hartman.
 Rebecca Battrey.
 Michael Canargan.
 Peter Salutat.
 John Armitrading.
 Peter Thomas.
 Nat. Higby.
 Peter Fraise.
 Emanuel Hatchet.

Peter Assailly.
 Andrew Patrick.
 Richard Gallway.
 Alex. Nairack.
 Moses Callas.
 Anth. Duroy.
 Cha. Barrow.
 Ann Carew.
 Ph. Verchild.
 Emanuel Penhallow.
 John Longmaid.
 James Binnel.
 Henry Taylor.
 John Harris.
 Lewis de Marsall.
 Peter Papin.

Mr. Duport attending, presented to their lordships an Act pass'd at St. Christopher's, entituled *An Act for settling the estates and titles of inhabitants of this island to their possessions within the same*, which was read; and ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Attorney General, inclosing the said Act for his opinion thereupon in point of law.

Memorial from Mr. Pepper, praying for a copy of a letter from Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, of the 18th February last, relating to Mr. Kirby, one of the persons concern'd in the murder of Colonel Parke, was read, and an extract of the said letter order'd to be given him.

St. Christopher's.
Mr. Duport.
Act about settling
possessions.

Leeward Islands.
Mr. Pepper's memo-
rial praying a copy of
Mr. Lowther's letter
relating to Kirby.

November 19. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Foley, Mr. Cotton.

Their lordships taking into consideration a letter from the Earl of Dartmouth, of the 1st May, 1712, referring to the Board the petition of Mr. Skene, secretary of Barbadoes, complaining of the Governor's having suspended him from the execution of his office &c., as also an Order of Council, of 23rd May, 1712, on the petition of Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, to her Majesty, relating to a controversy between him and the foresaid Skene, about their rights to several fees &c., mention'd in the minutes of the 18th August last, agreed on the draught of a representation thereupon, and ordered [*fo.* 233, 245] the same to be transcrib'd, and that a letter be prepar'd inclosing the same to the Earl of Dartmouth, to be laid before her Majesty.

Barbadoes.
Papers relating to
Mr. Skene re-con-
sider'd.

Draught of a repre-
sentation thereupon.

November 20. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Foley.

A letter from the Earl of Dartmouth, directing the Board by her Majesty's comands, to consider what advantages are proper to be insisted on for the benefit of her subjects trading to Sicily, in case that kingdom be dismember'd from the Spanish monarchy, and to prepare the draught of a treaty thereupon, was read; and their lordships gave directions [*fo.* 247] for writing to Mr. Robert Ball, to desire him to lay before their lordships, on Wednesday next,

Trade.
Letter from the Earl
of Dartmouth about
our trade to Sicily.

Merchants to be con-
sulted thereupon.

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what he may have to offer upon that matter, and in the meantime that he would inform their lordships of any other persons that are vers'd and knowing in that trade.

A representation upon the dispute between Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, and Mr. Skene, secretary of that island [Q. fo. 421 ; fo. 244, 406], together with a letter inclosing the same to the Earl of Dartmouth, were signed.

Trade.*Lustring Company's
memorial about the
expenditure of money
given them by the
Crown.*

A memorial from the Lustring Company [fo. 221, *vide infra*], relating to the expenditure of 2,400*l.*, given the said Company by King William, was read ; and thereupon ordered that the draught of a letter to my Lord Treasurer be prepared, in answer to his lordship's reference of the 24th September last (mention'd in the minutes of the 31st of October), transmitting to his lordship a copy of the foremention'd memorial.

New York.*Representation re-
lating to Mr. Poyer.*

A draught of a representation upon the Order of Council of the 28th of July last [fo. 232, 247], referring to the Board a representation from the Society for Propagation of the Gospel, relating to Mr. Poyer, clerk at New York, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

November 25. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Mr. Foley, Mr. Hinde Cotton.

Trade.*Letter to Lord High
Treasurer.
Lustring Company.*

Letter to the Lord High Treasurer, in answer to his lordship's reference of the 24th September, 1712 [*vide supra*], relating to the expenditure of 2,400*l.* given the Lustring Company by King William, was signed.

Trade.*Letter from Mr. Ball.
Trade to Sicily.
Letters to merchants
for information from
them.*

A letter from Mr. Robert Ball, in answer to one writ him the 20th instant [fo. 245, 253], relating to the trade to Sicily, was read ; whereupon ordered that letters be writ to Sir Samuel Stanier, Mr. Andrew Hopegood, junior, Sir Edward Gould, Mr. James Porteen, Mr. John Cutting, Mr. Richard Froom and Mr. Miles Cook, desiring such information as they are able to give their lordships in this matter on Wednesday, the 3rd of December next.

New York.*Representation upon
Poyer's petition.
Appeals.*

A representation relating to Mr. Poyer, clerk at New York [fo. 246, 303], mentioned in the minutes of the 20th instant, was sign'd.

St. Christopher's.*Du Roy.
Proofs of re-settle-
ments of planters.*

Mr. Peter Duroy attending, he took the oath to prove the re-settlement of the following persons, planters at St. Christopher's, vizt. :

Samuel Earle.	Walter Bill.
Rowland Statham.	John Bill.
Dorm ^a . Driscoll.	George Hazel.
Joan Hazel.	Richard Emera.
Edward Barry.	Jonathan Taylor.
Jonas Boisse.	Thomas Pheasant.
Antho. Thorne.	James Miller.

William Robinson.

As also to the re-settlement of the following persons, inhabitants at St. Christopher's, vizt. :

Eleanor Stephens.	William Pickett.
The heirs of Samuel George,	Tho. Salters.
vizt., Wm. George and	Patrick Brin.
Theoder ^k . George.	John Consident.
John Smith.	

*Re-settlements of
inhabitants.*

Mr. William Harris likewise attending, took the oath to the re-settlement of the following persons, inhabitants at St. Christopher's, vizt. :

Francis Bailey.	Matthew Garigne and Mary
Dogel Bell.	Maillard

Mr. John Smith attending, took the oath to the re-settlement of the three following persons, planters at Nevis, vizt. :

Parnel Hanley, widow and executrix of John Hanley, Ann Ling and Francis Saunders.

And for the following persons, inhabitants there, vizt. :

George Cherriot.	Peter Bowden.
Eliz. Turtle.	Ann Sheppard.
Mary Smith.	Tho. Bartlet.
Rowland Gideon.	Eliz. Pim.
John Goodwin.	Peter Bradneck.
Joshua Brightthread.	Hugh Gurney.

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Mr. Harris sworn

Nevis.
Mr. Smith sworn to re-settlements by planters and inhabitants.

November 27. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Foley, Mr. Hind Cotton.

Mr. John Spencer attending, he took the oath to prove the re-settlement of the two following persons, inhabitants at Nevis, vizt., John Samson and Ja. Thompson.

Nevis.
Mr. Spencer sworn to re-settlements by inhabitants.

Mr. Thomas Ottley likewise attending, took the oath to the re-settlement of the two following persons, planters at St. Christopher's, vizt. :

Anne Hacket and George Taylor.

And for the following inhabitants there, vizt. :

William Thompson.	James French.
Joseph Herbert, junior.	Jane Evans.
William Titcomb.	Cath. Roddwell.
Joan Hartman.	William Jackson.
Christopher Deane.	Susannah Consident.
Robert Jones.	Cath. Connel.

Mr. Charles Barrows attending, took the abovesaid oath for Valentine Persival, planter at St. Christopher's.

St. Christopher's.
Mr. Otley sworn. Re-settlements by planters.

As also for the following inhabitants there :—

Benjamin Trohane.	John Lewis.
Kath. Taylor.	Anne St. De Brisson.
Mary Boldrick.	Thomas Lysson.
Alex Munrow.	Nellison Welsh.
John Cook.	William Discum.
John Beadle.	Patrick Barnes.
Anth. Hardyman.	George Barker.
Anth. Johnson.	Jacob Martin.

Mr. Barrow sworn. Re-settlement by a planter and inhabitants.

Robert Plembenton *alias* Gimbleton.

He also took the oath for John Basnet, a planter in Nevis.

Nevis.
Re-settled planter.

A letter from the Earl of Dartmouth, of yesterday's date [fo. 217, 253], referring to the Board the memorial of Mr. Strahan, agent to the four independent companies at New York, praying an additional number of troops for the security of that province, was read.

New York.
Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth. Memorial from Mr. Strahan. More troops.

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Barbadoes.

Letter from the Governor against captains of ships of war.

Letter to the Earl of Dartmouth.

St. Christopher's.

Mr. Du Roy sworn to a re-settlement of an inhabitant.

St. Christopher's.

Mr. Du Roy sworn. Re-settlement of inhabitants.

Trade.

Letter from Lord Bolingbroke with extract of one from Mr. Pulteney about a convention between Denmark and Gottorp.

St. Christopher's.

Mr. Whicker sworn. Re-settlement of an inhabitant.

Nevis.

Letter to Mr. Attorney General with a query whether a church re-built ought to be deem'd a re-settlement.

Trade.

Treaty of Commerce with Venice sent to merchants for their observations.

New York.

Mr. Strahan's memorial about augmentation of forces there deferr'd.

Trade
to Sicily.
Memorial.

A letter from Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, of the 29th August, 1712, complaining of the captains of the men-of-war there, in relation to the assistance he intended the Leeward Islands, was read. Whereupon ordered that a copy of the said letter be sent to the Earl of Dartmouth, as likewise a copy of the minutes of Council therein referr'd to.

Mr. Duroy attending, he took the oath to prove the re-settlement of Daniel Baker *alias* Bascle, an inhabitant of St. Christopher's.

December 3. Present:—Mr. Moore, Mr. Foley, Mr. Cotton.

Mr. Duroy attending, he took the oath to prove the re-settlement of the two following persons, inhabitants at St. Christopher's, vizt., Katherine Perone and Mathew Smith.

December 9. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Foley, Mr. Hind Cotton.

Letter from the Lord Bolingbroke, with the extract of one from Mr. Pulteney, her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary at the Court of Denmark, relating to a convention lately made between the said Court and that of Gottorp, which forbids the selling any salt in the Dutchy of Holstein, except Lunenburgh salt, was read. Whereupon ordered that a Treaty of Commerce with Denmark therein mention'd be look'd out and laid before the Board.

Mr. Jonathan Whicker attending, he took the oath to prove the re-settlement of Charles Gregory, an inhabitant of St. Christopher's.

Order'd that a letter be writ to Mr. Attorney General, for his opinion whether the parish church of St. Thomas in Nevis, burnt by the French when they invaded that island, and now about re-building, valued by the churchwardens and return'd as a loss of 838*l.*, ought to be deem'd a re-settlement, that they may have the share of the bounty given by Parliament, the better to enable them to go on with the said work.

The project of a Treaty of Commerce with Venice being laid before their lordships [*fo.* 214, 258], order'd that the same be sent to Mr. Thomas Williams and Mr. Claude Jamineau, Venetian merchants, and that they be desired to let their lordships have their observations thereupon on Friday morning next.

Mr. Strahan, agent for the four independent companies at New York, attending [*fo.* 250], the Earl of Dartmouth's letter upon his memorial, relating to an augmentation of forces for the said province, was read; and he was acquainted that it was now near upon a year since the writing of Colonel Hunter's letter, mention'd in his said memorial, and that the affairs of peace being now upon another foot than when the said letter was writ, their lordships thought it proper to defer giving their opinion upon that matter for some time longer.

A memorial from the Sicily merchants [*fo.* 247, 258; *Q. fo.* 33], relating to our trade to that island, was read.

December 10. Present:—Lord Guilford, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Foley, Mr. H. Cotton.

Captain William Matthews attending, he took the oath to prove the re-settlement of Richard Reams, an inhabitant of St. Christopher's.

William Smargin likewise attending, he took the oath to prove the re-settlement of Matthew Mills, an inhabitant of Nevis, as also to the re-settlement of James Emra, and William Woodley, planters there.

A letter from Mr. George Tilson to the secretary, desiring to know upon what grounds this Board, in their report of 5th April last, founded the position that the island of Cape Breton has always been esteem'd as part of Nova Scotia, and included in that government, was read; whereupon their lordships gave directions for sending him a copy of the minutes of the 4th April last, relating to that matter; and an answer to the foregoing letter was agreed and order'd to be sent.

December 11. Present :—Lord Guilford, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Foley, Mr. H. Cotton.

A memorial from several Jamaica merchants, praying that *An Act*, pass'd in that island the 31st July, 1711, for *quieting possessions and preventing vexatious suits at law*, may be confirm'd, was read; and directions given [fo. 410] for sending the same to Mr. Attorney General for his opinion thereupon in point of law.

A letter from Colonel Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, dated the 5th September, 1711, was read, as was also the Act pass'd in Carolina, the 8th July, 1711, therein referr'd to, vizt. :

An Act to oblige those traders that comes from Virginia and other neighbouring Colonies to trade with the Indians or white persons living within this province and government, to come first to Charles Town, and take out licences to trade, and to be subject to the like regulations, and to pay the same duties of import and export with the inhabitants of this province and government, who trade with the Indians living within the bounds of the same.

Whereupon order'd that the papers mention'd in paragraph D. of the said letter, relating to grants of lands, be lookt out and laid before their lordships, and they agreed [fo. 261] to represent to her Majesty the substance of paragraph E. of the same letter, relating to the hardships the Virginia traders lye under, who are not permitted by the government of South Carolina to pass freely through that province, to trade with the Western Indians, notwithstanding her Majesty's positive order to the contrary.

Second letter from Colonel Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, dated the 17th November, 1711, was read, as also Colonel Spotswood's speech to the Assembly therein referr'd to.

A third letter from Colonel Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, dated the 8th of February, 1711½, was read, and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

Minutes of Council in Assembly, from the 7th November, 1711, to the 30th January, 1712.

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St. Christopher's.
Capt. Matthews sworn.
Re-settlement of an inhabitant.

Nevis.
Mr. Smargin sworn
to re-settlements of an inhabitant and planter.

Nova Scotia.
Letter from Mr. Tilson about Cape Breton's being reckon'd part of Nova Scotia.

Answer.

Jamaica.
Memorial from merchants. Act for quieting possessions sent to Mr. Attorney General.

Virginia.
Letter from the Governor.

Act referr'd to therein.

Extract about hardships on the Virginia traders to be represented to the Queen.

Second letter from Col. Spotswood.

Third letter from Col. Spotswood.

Papers referr'd to therein.

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Minutes of the Assembly of Virginia, from the 7th November, 1711, to the 30th January, 1712.

Whereupon their lordships agreed to reconsider paragraph K. of the foregoing letter, relating to the overtures made by the Baron de Graffenried for removing with his Palatines to Virginia; and further ordered that the papers in this office relating to a quota of the several provinces for assisting each other in case of need, be look'd out and laid before their lordships.

December 12. Present:—Lord Guilford, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Foley, Mr. H. Cotton.

Newfoundland.
Letter from Mr. Cummings about the present state of that trade.

Nevis.
St. Christopher's.
Representation in behalf of the sufferers there.

Trade.
Letter to Sir Edward Gould for his memorial. Sicily.

Nevis.
Mr. Barrow sworn. Re-settlement of a planter.

Trade.
Letter to merchants for their observations on the Treaty of Commerce with Venice.

Colonel Jory and Mr. Campbell attending, Mr. Campbell presented to their lordships a letter from Mr. Archibald Cummings, dated at St. John's, October the 21st, 1712, giving an account of the present state of the Newfoundland trade; they also presented to their lordships a representation in behalf of the sufferers in the islands of Nevis and St. Christopher's, praying a speedy issuing out of debentures, which was read.

Ordered that the secretary take care that all the books, mapps or papers which have been lent out of this office, be immediately got back again.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Sir Edward Gould [*fo. 253, vide infra*], to desire he will let their lordships have his memorial relating to our trade to Sicily on Tuesday morning next.

Mr. Charles Barrows attending, he took the oath to prove the re-settlement of James Buttler, planter, of Nevis.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Thomas Williams and Mr. Claude Jamineau, Venetian merchants [*fo. 252, 259*], to desire they will let their lordships have their observations on the Treaty of Commerce with Venice (sent them the 9th instant) on Tuesday morning next.

December 16. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley, Mr. H. Cotton.

Memorial from Sir Edward Gould relating to our trade to Sicily [*vide supra, fo. 260*], was now received and read.

Mr. Williams and Mr. Jamineau attending [*fo. 258, 260*], presented to the Board their observations on the draught of a Treaty of Commerce with Venice (communicated to them the 9th instant), which was read; and their lordships agreed to consider the same to-morrow morning.

General Hamilton attending, he took the oath to prove the re-settlement of Colonel Charles Matthew and Mrs. Bridget Venton, planters at St. Christopher's, as did likewise John Smith for Lady Francis Stapleton and William Smergin, planters at Nevis.

Several Leeward Island gentlemen attending, their representation praying a speedy issuing out of debentures (mention'd in the minutes of the 12th instant), was again read; whereupon their lordships agreed to consider that matter at their first sitting after the holydays.

Trade
to Sicily. Memorial.

Merchants' observations on the Treaty of Commerce with Venice.

Nevis.
St. Christopher's.
General Hamilton sworn. Re-settlement of planters.

Representation about speedy issuing debentures.

December 18. Present :—Lord Guilford, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley, Mr. H. Cotton.

A letter to the Earl of Dartmouth, in answer to his of the 20th of November last [fo. 258], relating to a Treaty of Commerce for Sicily, was agreed and signed.

The draught of the project of a Treaty of Commerce with Venice [fo. 259, 261], was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Mr. Campbell and Mr. Duport attending, presented to the Board a memorial, signifying that some persons, mention'd in the return to be sufferers in the island of Nevis at the time of the French invasion, did afterwards repair to St. Christopher's, where they resettled before the 25th day of December, 1711, and never returned to their former habitations at Nevis; and that others of St. Christopher's are in the like case; and that therefore, such not being within the letter of the Act, more proofs could not be made till their lordships' pleasure be known, was read; whereupon ordered that a copy thereof be sent to Mr. Attorney General for his opinion thereupon.

John Smith attending, he took the oath to prove the re-settlement of Rowland Gideon, Timothy Hare and Thomas Elford, inhabitants at Nevis, as did likewise Thomas Ottley for Charles Pain, an inhabitant of St. Christopher's.

December 19. Present :—Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley, Mr. H. Cotton.

Mrs. Ann Shepherd attending, she took the oath to prove her own re-settlement as a planter at Nevis.

A representation relating to the hardships the Virginia traders lye under [fo. 255, 303], who are not permitted by the government of South Carolina to pass freely through that province, to trade with the Western Indians, was signed.

A letter to the Earl of Dartmouth [fo. 260], inclosing the draught of a Treaty of Commerce with Venice, was signed.

A letter from Mr. Mackenzie, dated at Jamaica the 8th of October last, containing some complaints against the Lord Archibald Hamilton, Governor of that island, was read.

The secretary acquainted the Board that he found at ye Earl of Dartmouth's office, his lordship had received letters and papers from Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, to the same purport as those ordered to be sent him from this office, the 27th of last month.

December 22. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

A letter from the Earl of Dartmouth, of the 21st November, 1712 [fo. 268], requiring the Board to prepare the draught of a Commission and Instructions for Henry Pulleyn, esquire, to be Lieutenant Governor of Bermuda, in the room of Benjamin Bennet, esquire, was read; and directions were given for preparing the same accordingly.

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Trade.

Letter to the Earl of Dartmouth.

Treaty of Commerce. Sicily.

Treaty of Commerce with Venice.

Nevis.

St. Christopher's.
Memorial about persons' losses in one plantation and their re-settling in another,

sent to the Attorney General.

Mr. Smith and Ottley sworn to re-settlements of inhabitants.

Nevis.

Mrs. Shepherd sworn.

Carolina. Virginia.

Representation on the hardships on the Virginia traders and boundaries.

Trade.

Treaty of Commerce. Venice.

Jamaica.

Complaints against the Governor.

Barbadoes.

Letter and papers from Mr. Lowther with Earl of Dartmouth.

Bermuda.

Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth. Commission and instructions to be prepar'd for a new Governor.

1712.

St. Christopher's.
*Mr. Attorney General's
 report on the return
 in the name of Mr.
 Ball and Company.
 Their re-settlement
 sworn to.*

Mr. Attorney General's report in relation to the return from St. Christopher's in the name of Mr. Ball and Company, was read ; and the said Ball, with Mr. Sanderson, Mr. Jeffreys and Mr. Ottley attending, they took the oath to prove the re-settlement of the above-mentioned Ball and Company, as inhabitants of St. Christopher's.

Nevis.
St. Christopher's.
*Mr. Attorney General's
 reports on cross
 re-settlements and
 churches.*

Mr. Attorney General's report in relation to people's suffering losses in one island and resettling in another, was read.

Another report from Mr. Attorney General in relation to the re-settlement of churches in Nevis and St. Christopher's, was read.

Nevis.
St. Christopher's.
*Mr. Lee sworn to his
 father's re-settlements.*

Mr. Tudor Lee attending, he took the oath to prove the re-settlement of his father, Samuel Lee, as a planter at St. Christopher's.

St. Christopher's.
*Mr. Micaine sworn.
 Re-settlement of an
 inhabitant.*

As also another for his said father as an inhabitant of Nevis.

Mr. George Macaine attending, he took the oath to prove the re-settlement of Richard Atkins, an inhabitant of St. Christopher's.

Barbadoes.
*Letter to the Governor
 with two Orders re-
 pealing Acts.*

Letter to Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, inclosing two Orders of Council repealing two Acts past there [*fo.* 222] the 8th of August, 1706, and 21st of March, 1709; the first entitled *An Act for the better enabling the executors of Christopher Estwick, esquire, to pay the debts of the said Christopher Estwick*, and the other, *An Act to render more effectual certain legacies given and bequeathed by Captain Williams, deceased, to the parish of Christ Church within this island*, was sign'd.

December 23. Present :—Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley.

Nevis.
St. Christopher's.
*Mr. Smith sworn.
 Re-settlements by
 planters.*

Mr. John Smith attending, he took the oath to prove the re-settlement of William Fenton, Christopher Stoddart, and Jane Clayton, planters at St. Christopher's.

As also for Jenkin Rice, planter at Nevis.

Nevis.
*Mr. Smith sworn.
 Re-settlements by in-
 habitants and
 planters.*

December 24. Present :—Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley.

Mr. John Smith attending, he took the oath to prove the re-settlement of William Edward and Eleanor Fenton, inhabitants at Nevis, as also for Thomas Beauchamp and William Kitt, planters there.

Leeward Islands.
*No more proof of
 re-settlements at
 Nevis
 and
 St. Christopher's.*
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December 25. Present :—Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley.

Their lordships attended again this day, in order to administer the oaths to such persons as should appear to prove any re-settlements in the islands of Nevis and St. Christopher's; but, none appearing, their lordships adjourn'd to the 9th of the next month.

January 9, 1713. Present :—Lord Guilford, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

A letter from my Lord Dartmouth, of the 1st instant [fo. 268], referring to the Board the extract of a memorial from the Marquis of Monteleone (the Spanish Ambassador), relating to a claim of the inhabitants of Guipuscoa to fish on the coast of Newfoundland, was read; and Captain Moody attending, and being asked what he knew concerning that matter, he said that all the time of his being in Newfoundland, he never heard of any Spanish ships coming thither to fish, and that he believ'd if at any time they did come, it was privately, and not openly; which they wou'd have done, if they had right to do the same. After he was withdrawn, their lordships gave directions for preparing a letter to the Lord Dartmouth in answer to his lordship's aforementioned.

Mr. Onslow, Colonel Thompson and Mr. Harris, with some other planters in the West Indies, attending, a memorial sign'd by several of them, setting forth their apprehensions that sugars and other West India commodities would be prohibited in France, was read; whereupon being asked where they had their information, they desired to be excused the naming of persons, but after some discourse with them, they said they had several letters of it from Holland, and that it was the common discourse among the French here, and upon the Exchange; their lordships thereupon acquainted them that they might be satisfy'd her Majesty would not agree to any Treaty of Commerce with such prohibitions; and they communicated to them some restrictions to be made upon granting the tariff of 1664 to the Dutch, in which sugar refin'd in loaf or otherwise sugar candy, white and brown, was to pay the duties mention'd in the tariff of the 7th of December, 1699; to which these gentlemen said that, if we were to be upon the same foot as the Dutch, they were afraid that that article would affect all our sugars, except those from Jamaica; for the Barbadoes and Leeward Islands sugars being clayed, they would pass for refined, and do pay custom here as such; and therefore they desired that some explanation might be made in favour of the Barbadoes and Leeward Islands sugars; whereupon their lordships desired them to consider whether this dispute did not relate more to ye Dutch than to England, and whether by stirring in that matter they might not prejudice themselves. Upon which the said merchants desired the Board would not do anything on ye said memorial until they consider'd further thereof, and they would attend the Board again in a short time with their thoughts thereupon.

January 13. Present :—Lord Guilford, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley.

A letter to the Earl of Dartmouth [fo. 266], in answer to one from his lordship of the 1st instant, relating to a claim of the inhabitants of the province of Guipuscoa to fish on the coast of Newfoundland, was signed.

A letter to the Earl of Dartmouth [fo. 262, 269], inclosing the draught of a commission for Henry Pulleyn, esquire, to be her Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of her Bermuda Islands, was signed.

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Newfoundland.

Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth with extract of a memorial from the Spanish Ambassador about a claim to fish on the coast of Newfoundland.

Trade.

Merchants' memorial touching their apprehensions that sugars and other West India commodities wou'd be prohibited in France.

Restrictions upon granting the tariff of 1664 to the Dutch.

Newfoundland.

Letter to the Earl of Dartmouth.

Claim of Spaniards to fish on Newfoundland.

Bermuda.

Letter to the Earl of Dartmouth. Commission for a new Governor.

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Nevis.

St. Christopher's.
Draught of a debenture to be issued to the sufferers, sent to Mr. Attorney General.

Mr. Campbell and Mr. Duport attending, presented to their lordships the draught of a debenture to be issued to the sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's, which was read; and ordered that it be sent to Mr. Attorney General for his opinion, whether the same be conformable to the Acts of Parliament relating to the said sufferers.

January 14. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Foley.

Nevis.
Letter from the Lieut. Governor and Council, with a list of resettlers on the said island.

Colonel Jory attending, presented to their lordships a letter from the Lieutenant Governor and Council of Nevis, dated the 7th November, 1712, transmitting a list of the resettlers on the said island, who were sufferers by the invasion of the French, sworn to the 31st October, 1712, before the said Lieutenant Governor and Council, which were read.

Bermuda.
Governor's instructions considered.

Then their lordships took into consideration the draught of Mr. Pulleyn's instructions for the Government of Bermuda [*fo.* 268, 273], and made a progress therein.

January 15. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Foley.

Bermuda.
Governor's instructions to be transcribed.

Their lordships again took into consideration the draught of instructions for Mr. Pulleyn, Lieutenant Governor of Bermuda, and agreed the same, and order'd them to be transcribed.

January 20. Present:—Lord Guilford, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley.

St. Christopher's.
Five letters from Mr. Cuninghame. Complaints against Major Douglas and Mr. Lambert.

Five letters from Mr. Robert Cuninghame, at St. Christopher's, dated the 13th and 15th of September, 6th October, 5 and 10 November, 1712, containing complaints against Major Douglas and Lieutenant Governor Lambert, much to the same purport as those already laid before her Majesty, were read.

Trade.
Letter from Lord Bolingbroke with Flanders merchants' representation about the commerce between that country, Britain and Ireland.

A letter from my Lord Bolingbroke, of the 2nd instant [*fo.* 273], with a representation from the British merchants in Flanders, relating to the commerce between that country, Britain and Ireland, for the Board's observations thereupon, was read; and thereupon ordered that the Flanders merchants be desired to come to the Board on Thursday morning next, at eleven of the clock.

St. Christopher's.
List of resettlers there proved upon oath before the Council.

Mr. Duport and Mr. Campbell attending, Mr. Duport presented to their lordships a list of the resettlers on the island of St. Christopher's, who were sufferers by the invasion of the French there in 1705, and whose re-settlement was proved upon oath before the Council of that island, and certify'd by the Governor under the seal of the Leeward Islands, November the 8th, 1712, which was read. Then Mr. Campbell presented to their lordships the form of a debenture to be issued to the sufferers of Nevis and St. Christopher's, approved of by Mr. Attorney General, which was also read; and their lordships agreed to reconsider that matter this day sevensnight, and gave directions that the absent Commissioners be acquainted therewith.

Nevis.
St. Christopher's.
Form of a debenture approved of by Mr. Attorney General.

January 21. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Foley.

Their lordships taking into consideration the affair of the sufferers of Nevis and St. Christopher's, ordered that Mr. Attorney General be desired to come to the Board on Tuesday next, at twelve of the clock.

A memorial from Mr. Sansome [*fo.* 169, 292], who is appointed Consul at Bourdeaux, relating to the trade between this kingdom and France, was read.

A petition from Mr. Stephen Duport, setting forth that Mr. Payne and Mr. Peters, members of the Council of St. Christopher's, are dead; and recommending to their lordships Mr. Ralph Willet and Mr. John Duport to supply those vacancies, was read, and their names ordered to be inserted on the list of persons recommended for that island.

A letter from the Earl of Dartmouth, with a representation of her Majesty's Consul in the Canaries, relating to the trade of those islands, was read.

A letter from Mr. John Roope to the secretary, dated at Barcelona, August the 23rd, 1712, promising at his return to offer what will be of advantage to the Newfoundland fishery and British trade to Spain, was read.

January 22. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley.

A letter to the Earl of Dartmouth [*fo.* 269], transmitting the draughts of instructions for Henry Pulleyn, esquire, Lieutenant Governor of her Majesty's Bermuda Islands, was sign'd.

A letter to the Lord High Treasurer, relating to the arrear of salary due to the Board, was sign'd.

Mr. Dorpere attending, as he had been desired [*fo.* 270], their lordships communicated to him the project for re-establishing commerce between Great Britain, Ireland and Flanders, mention'd in the minutes of ye 20th instant, upon which he said as follows:—

First Article. The duties payable upon our English woollen manufactures by the tariff of 1680, is about five *per cent.*, which the Dutch pay also. If there can be an abatement obtained, there's no doubt but it would be an advantage.

Second Article. If the duty there mention'd on butter be a new duty, it may not be difficult to get it taken off, but, if it be the ancient toll, he did not beleive it was to be done.

Third Article. If the duty on salt salmon be not paid by the Dutch as well as us, it will not be difficult to get it taken off; and therefore 'tis necessary to know how that matter stands in relation to them.

Fourth Article. 'Tis true the duty on our corn exported there is high; but yet not so high as the duty on their corn imported here, which cannot be done neither, unless the price of our wheat be above 48 shillings per quarter here.

Fifth Article. 'Tis necessary to insist that the duty payable on our tobacco imported there by the tariff be reduced as is proposed,

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Nevis.

St. Christopher's.
*Mr. Attorney General
sumon'd on the
affair of the sufferers.*

Trade
*between England and
France.
Memorial.*

St. Christopher's.
*Mr. Duport's petition
recommending two
councillors.*

Trade.
*Letter from the Earl
of Dartmouth.
Canaries.*

Newfoundland.
Trade.
*Letter from Mr.
Roope.*

Bermuda.
*Instructions sent the
Earl of Dartmouth.*

Miscellanies.
*Letter to Lord
Treasurer.
Salary.*

Trade.
*Mr. Dorpere's obser-
vations on the project
for re-establishing
commerce between
Great Britain, Ire-
land and Flanders.*

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Sixth Article. Their lordships took notice that what relates to the sale of tann'd calf skins, has already been represented.

Seventh Article. He said the hardship there complain'd of is the same as what has been done here by a late Act of Parliament.

Eighth Article. 'Tis true the harbour of Ostend is out of repair, and the magistrates ought to be prest to mend it, which they may do by applying part of the convoy mony, which our ships are obliged to pay there, even in time of peace.

Ninth Article. 'Twere also to be wish'd they could be perswaded to mend the canal betwixt Ostend and Bruges.

Tenth Article. 'Tis necessary that the vat gelt or tonnage which we pay on the rivers between Ostend and Brussels, Antwerp &c., be on the same foot as that which the Dutch pay, but at one bridge and we at four.

Eleventh Article. He agrees that 'tis necessary that the merchants be allow'd to choose such masters or schippers as they shall want for the transportation of their goods, out of the Company of Free Schippers in each town, by which means they will not be imposed upon in their freight.

Twelfth Article. Their lordships took notice that they had already represented that our goods, going out of Flanders into the New Conquests, should pay no more transit than the Dutch pay for their goods coming from the sas of Ghent, &c.

January 27. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley.

Virginia.
Memorial from Mr. Perry about necessity of arms there,

sent Earl of Dartmouth.

Nevis.
St. Christopher's.
Draught of a debenture for the sufferers agreed.

Plantations General.
Letter from Mr. Lownds about instruction for
Col. Nicholson, &c.

Mr. Micajah Perry attending, presented to their lordships a memorial [*fo.* 277], setting forth the necessity there was for sending arms at present to Virginia, by reason of the apprehension there is of an Indian war, and of the inability of the people to supply themselves, which was read, and a letter to the Earl of Dartmouth ordered thereupon.

Mr. Attorney General attending, as also several of the gentlemen concern'd for the sufferers of Nevis and St. Christopher's, the draught of a debenture (mention'd in the minutes of the 20th instant) was again read; and after some discourse with Mr. Attorney General, the same was agreed and order'd to be printed.

A letter from Mr. Lowndes, of this day's date [*fo.* 277], signifying my Lord Treasurer's desire that the Board would consider of proper instructions for Colonel Nicholson, now going to America, and of the number of clerks he is to take with him, and of his and their respective allowances, was read; and their lordships agreed to take the same into consideration on Thursday morning next.

January 29. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley.

Virginia.
Letter to the Earl of Dartmouth.
Ordinance stores.

A letter to the Earl of Dartmouth [*fo.* 276], relating to the want of small arms and ammunition for Virginia, as directed at the last meeting, was signed.

Colonel Nicholson attending, laid before the Board his two Commissions, one as General and Comander in Chief of the forces in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, the other as Governor of Nova Scotia and Annapolis Royal, which were read.

Mr. Lowndes's letter [*fo.* 276, 287] (mention'd in last Tuesday's minutes) was again read, and their lordships gave directions [*fo.* 291] for preparing a draught of instructions for the said Colonel Nicholson relating to the Acts of Trade and Navigation, as also heads of enquiry relating to the fishery at Newfoundland; and Colonel Nicholson was directed [*fo.* 285] to lay before their lordships a scheme of the allowances for himself and the clerks he is to take over with him; which he promised to do accordingly.

February 2. Present :—Lord Guilford, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley.

A letter from Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, dated 20th December last, giving an account that Surinam had been taken by the French, and ransom'd at 75,000*l.* sterling, and that the Assembly at Barbadoes had at last passed the Excise Bill, without intrenching on the Queen's prerogative, was read; and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, and are as followeth, vizt. :

Copy of a commission and instructions from Mr. Lowther to Brigadier Maxwell and others, to go to Martinico, to treat about a truce with the French there.

Copy of a proclamation by Mr. Lowther, in relation to a truce with the French.

A letter from Captain Bennet to the secretary, dated at Bermuda the 13th of September last, giving an account of a violent hurricane that happen'd there on the 8th of the same month, was read.

Then their lordships took into consideration [*fo.* 297] a draught of instructions for Colonel Nicholson, Governor of Nova Scotia and Commander in Chief of the forces at Newfoundland, which was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

February 4. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Foley.

A letter from Colonel Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, dated the 8th May last, was read, and the papers therein referr'd to laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

Accompt of pork bought in Virginia for the use of her Majesty's forces at Canada, 1711.

Acts pass'd in Virginia in November, 1711.

Order'd that a copy of paragraphs C [and] D of Colonel Spotswood's foremention'd letter relating to the forces sent from South Carolina against those who had attack'd the province of North Carolina, and to the assistance given on that occasion by the Lieutenant Governor and Council of Virginia, be sent to the Lords Proprietors of Carolina [*fo.* 282], for their lordships' information.

And upon consideration of what Colonel Spotswood writes in paragraph K [*fo.* 282] of his said letter, relating to disputes about the property of lands in the Fork of Potomack, ordered that the

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Newfoundland.
Nova Scotia.
Anapolis Royal.
*Col. Nicholson's
commission.*

Plantations General.
Newfoundland.
*Instructions for trade
and heads of enquiry
to be prepar'd for Col.
Nicholson.*

Barbadoes.
*Letter from the
Governor about
Surinam
and passing the Ex-
cise Bill.*

Papers referr'd to.

Bermuda.
*Letter from the
Governor.
Hurricane.*

Newfoundland.
Nova Scotia.
*Col. Nicholson's
instructions.*

Virginia.
*Letter from the
Governor.*

Papers referr'd to.

Carolina.
*Extract thereof about
assistance sent to
North Carolina trans-
mitted the Lords
Proprietors.*

Virginia.
Maryland.
*Property of lands on
the boundaries.*

1712-13.

*Copies of grants and
other papers to be
lookt out.*

Virginia.

*Representation about
Col. Basset's prece-
dency in the Council.*

copies in this office of the grant of the said lands to the Lord Culpeper of the Virginia Charter, and of the charter granted to the Lord Baltimore for the province of Maryland, be look'd out and laid before the Board at the next meeting.

Further ordered that a representation be prepared upon paragraph N of the same letter, relating to Colonel Basset's being admitted in the same place and precedency in the Council of Virginia, which he formerly enjoy'd.

Trade.

*Letter from the Lord
Bolingbroke, &c.,
about instructions for
commissaries to settle
the trade of the
Netherlands.
Merchants summon'd
thereupon.*

February 5. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of the 4th instant [fo. 283], signifying her Majesty's pleasure that the Board prepare instructions for the Comisaries to be appointed by her Majesty for settling the trade of the Netherlands, and inclosing copies of several papers received from the Earl of Orrery, and extracts of the Barrier Treaty relating thereunto, was read; whereupon order'd that Mr. Dorpere, Mr. White, Mr. Thomas Scawen, Mr. Edward Atkins, and Mr. John Waller, merchants, be desired to attend the Board on Monday morning next.

Virginia.

Nova Scotia.

*Col. Nicholson's
account of disburse-
ments for the Canada
expedition.*

Colonel Nicholson attending, and their lordships inquiring of him what he knew in relation to the disbursements in supplying Colonel Hunter with provisions for the expedition against Canada, mention'd in paragraph I of Colonel Spotswood's letter, dated the 8th May last, he said that 800*l.* had been paid to the Earl of Orkney in part of that charge, and that several merchants were soliciting for ye remainder.

Virginia.

Maryland.

*Instructions to be
prepar'd for Col.
Nicholson.*

Boundaries.

Their lordships, taking into further consideration what Colonel Spotswood writes in paragraph K of his foresaid letter [fo. 280], relating to disputes between the proprietors of Maryland and of the Northern Neck in Virginia, where the Baron de Graffenried, with several Switzers, intended to settle; ordered that a draught of instructions be prepared for Colonel Nicholson to endeavour the adjusting that affair; and that Mr. Blathwayt be desired to let their lordships have a copy of the late Lord Culpeper's patent granted in 1688 for lands in the said Northern Neck.

Virginia.

Carolina.

*Letter to the Lords
Proprietors about
assistance given by
Virginia.*

A letter to the Lords Proprietors of Carolina, inclosing an extract of Colonel Spotswood's letter of 8th May last [fo. 280], relating to his endeavouring to assist that Government against the Indians, as directed the last meeting, was signed.

Nevis.

*St. Christopher's.
Five debentures.*

Their lordships then signed five debentures for the sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's.

Nevis.

*St. Christopher's.
Mr. Duport about
his debentures being
prepar'd.*

February 9. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

Mr. Duport attending, desired the Board wou'd please to give directions that the debentures for the sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's, for whom he appears, may be prepared for their lordships' signature; whereupon order'd that the said debentures be prepared accordingly.

Order'd that all persons who are authorized by letters of attorney to receive debentures, do leave in this office attested copies of their said letters of attorney or other powers, and that notice be given thereof to such as are concern'd.

Their lordships resolv'd to proceed every Wednesday and Friday in signing the said debentures.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of the 4th instant [fo. 281, 285], directing the Board to prepare instructions for the Commissaries to be appointed to meet on her Majesty's behalf at Brussels, to settle the trade of the Netherlands, was read, as likewise the following papers referr'd to therein :

Extract of a letter from the Earl of Orrery to the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, inclosing a copy of a memorial from the States of Flanders relating to their trade with Great Britain.

Copy of a letter from the Earl of Orrery to the Lord Bolingbroke, with the heads of a treaty to be concluded with the Emperour, before the surrender of the Spanish Low Countries to him.

Translation of the 6th, 9th and 13th articles of the Treaty for the Succession and Barrier, concluded with Holland the 13th of January, 1713.

After which their lordships agreed to proceed to-morrow to draw an answer to my Lord Bolingbroke's said letter.

February 10. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of the 22nd of the last month, referring to the Board a representation from the Deputies of the States of Flanders to the Earl of Orrery, relating to the duty of the Vat Gelt, for their lordships' opinion thereupon, was read.

The draught of a letter to the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke [fo. 283, 286], in answer to his lordship's of the 4th instant, mentioned in yesterday's minutes, relating to instructions for the Commissaries to be appointed on her Majesty's part for settling the trade of the Netherlands, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Colonel Nicholson attending [fo. 278], presented to the Board (as directed the 29th of last month) a memorial, relating to the allowances for himself, his secretary, and clerks to be employed under him, in the execution of his commissions in North America, which was read ; as likewise a copy of the establishment for the Commissioners appointed to inspect the publick accounts abroad, received with the said memorial ; and upon consideration thereof, ordered that the draught of a letter be prepared (in answer to Mr. Lownds's, mention'd in the minutes of the 27th of last month), offering to the Lord High Treasurer the opinion of this Board that four pounds *per diem* may be proper to be allow'd Colonel Nicholson for his own salary, and twenty shillings *per diem* for that of his secretary, besides 600*l.* *per annum* for salaries of three clerks, and other charges incident to the execution of his said commissions.

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Persons authorized to receive debentures to leave attested copies of their power.

Days appointed to sign debentures.

Trade.

Letter from Lord Bolingbroke about instructions for commissaries to settle the trade in the Netherlands.

Papers referrd to.

Trade.

Letter from Lord Bolingbroke with a representation from the States of Flanders to the Earl of Orrery about duty of the Vat Gelt.

Letter to the Lord Bolingbroke about instructions for commissaries to settle the trade of the Netherlands.

Plantations General.

Memorial from Col. Nicholson, &c., touching an establishment for himself and officers.

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Nevis.
St. Christopher's.
Debentures sign'd.

Trade.
*Letter to Lord
Bolingbroke.
Netherlands.*

Plantations General.
*Letter to Lord
Treasurer.*

*Establishment for
Col. Nicholson, &c.*

Leeward Islands.
Debentures delivered.

February 11. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

Their lordships signed seventy-seven debentures, vizt., from number six to number eighty-two, both inclusive, for the sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's.

A letter to the Lord Bolingbroke [*fo.* 285], in answer to his lordship's of the 4th instant, relating to instructions for the Commissaries to be appointed on her Majesty's part for settling the trade in the Netherlands, was signed.

A letter to the Lord High Treasurer, in answer to one from Mr. Lowndes of the 27th of the last month [*fo.* 277], signifying his lordship's desire that the Board do consider of the respective salaries and allowances proper for Colonel Nicholson, his secretary and clerks, and other charges incident to the execution of his commission in North America (as directed in yesterday's minutes), was signed.

Lieutenant General Hamilton attending the Board, with Mr. Rowland Tryon and Mr. Miles Stapleton, in relation to the debentures to be issued for the sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's, and the powers of attorney to Mr. Tryon and Mr. Stapleton being examin'd, the five debentures numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, were deliver'd to these gentlemen according to their respective claims.

February 12. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore.

Trade.
*Letter from Mr.
Harley about instruc-
tions and an
establishment for Mr.
Neale, appointed
surveyor of Minorca.*

Mr. Henry Neale attending, a letter from Mr. Harley, secretary to the Right Honourable the Lord High Treasurer, of the 3rd instant, signifying his lordship's desire that the Board prepare proper instructions for the said Neale in the execution of his commission of Surveyor of the Island of Minorca, and to report what allowance is fit to be made for himself and clerks &c., necessary for that service, was read; and Mr. Neale's commission being likewise read and consider'd, their lordships gave directions for taking a copy thereof, and agreed to represent their opinion that it may be fit to allow forty shillings *per diem* for the said Mr. Neale himself, twenty shillings *per diem* for a deputy surveyor and clerks, and three hundred pounds *per annum* for defraying the necessary charges and expences of the said commission; and a letter to the Right Honourable the Lord High Treasurer was immediately drawn up and signed.

Answer.

St. Christopher's.
Debentures signed.

February 13. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn.

Their lordships signed forty-seven debentures, vizt., from number eighty-three to number one hundred and twenty-nine, both inclusive, for the sufferers by the French invasion at St. Christopher's.

February 17. Present :—Lord Guilford, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn.

Trade.
*Memorial from the
East India Company
about some of their
goods being prohibited,
and high duties laid on
others, in France.*

Mr. Herne and Mr. Dawson attending, presented to the Board a memorial from the East India Company, setting forth that, in the begining of the reign of King Charles the Second, great quantities

of East India goods were exported from England to France, the duties on importation there being moderate; that towards the latter end of that reign, and since, some sort of the East India goods have been absolutely prohibited there, and very high duties laid on others, to the great loss of this nation; that it wou'd be an advantage to her Majesty if the said prohibitions and high duties were taken off; and praying their lordships' favourable interposition, when a Treaty of Commerce with France shall commence, that the English merchants may be on the same foot of trade touching East India goods as they were in the beginning of King Charles the Second's reign; whereupon their lordships ordered that a copy of the said memorial be sent with a letter to the Earl of Dartmouth, which was immediately drawn up and signed.

A letter from John Baber, esquire, secretary of Jamaica, desiring the copy of *An Act pass'd there to prevent any one person's having more than one office of trust in that island*, was read; whereupon ordered that a copy thereof be given him accordingly.

February 19. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley, Sir John Hynde Cotton.

A letter from Mr. Lowndes, by order of the Lord High Treasurer, inclosing a representation from Mr. Baker and Mr. Gosselin [*fo.* 278], with the draught of instructions to be given Colonel Nicholson for recovering the arrears of prizes in the plantations, was read; and thereupon ordered that the same be added to the instructions already prepar'd for Colonel Nicholson.

A copy of an Order of Council of the 9th February, 1713, relating to the rate at which the money lately coin'd at Barcelona shall pass in the island of Minorca, was read.

A letter from Mr. Harley, secretary of the Treasury, of the 13th instant [*fo.* 296, 326], by order of my Lord Treasurer, referring to this Board the establishments received from the Board of Ordnance for Barbadoes, Jamaica, New York and Annapolis, was read; whereupon ordered that Colonel Nicholson, Mr. William Heysham and Mr. Thurston be desired to come to the Board on Tuesday morning next, at which time their lordships will reconsider that affair.

A letter from the Earl of Dartmouth, of the 14th instant, inclosing several letters and papers relating to disputes between my Lord Archibald Hamilton, Governor of Jamaica, and Sir Hovenden Walker, Comander of the squadron in those seas, was read; and their lordships agreed to take that matter into consideration on Wednesday next.

February 20. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley, Sir John Hynde Cotton.

Mr. Diston, Mr. Cornish, with several Blackwell Hall factors attending [*fo.* 273, 294], presented to their lordships a memorial, which was read, setting forth that the French have bought this year three times more wooll in Spain than in any one year since that kingdom has been in the possession of the House of Bourbon;

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Letter to the Earl of Dartmouth with a copy of the said memorial.

Jamaica.

Letter from Mr. Baber for copy of an Act to prevent persons executing but one office in that island.

Plantations General.

Letter from Mr. Lowndes with a representation and instructions for recovering arrears of prizes.

Trade.

Order of Council.

Nova Scotia.

Barbadoes.

Jamaica.

New York.

Letter from Mr. Harley with establishments received from the Board of Ordnance.

Col. Nicholson &c. summoned.

Jamaica.

Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth with papers touching disputes between the Governor and Comander of the squadron.

Trade.

Memorial from the Blackwell Hall merchants about the decay of their trade in France.

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that the French have four peices of eight allow'd by King Philip as a drawback upon every 175*l.* of wooll exported to France ; that all the said wooll exported to England is charged with an additional duty of two peices of eight for the same quantity ; that by these means our trade in the woollen manufactures to Spain and the Spanish West Indies will be very much prejudiced ; that the woollen manufacture in France being very much improved, they are informed that the French King will continue the duty of 32 sols per ell upon English woollen cloths, which they apprehend will amount to a prohibition ; that about the year 1687, when woollen cloth were allow'd to be imported into France, it was only to be done in French bottoms ; upon this article, these gentlemen observed that before that time we had a considerable trade there for our cloth ; that unless by the Treaty we are allow'd to import our cloth in English bottoms, the importing of it in French bottoms will do us no good, for that may easily be prevented by the French King's forbidding his subjects to bring cloth from England ; and therefore they pray'd their lordships would be pleased to lay their memorial before her Majesty, for her Majesty's pleasure thereupon ; whereupon their lordships agreed to send the said memorial in a letter to the Earl of Dartmouth.

Trade.

Mr. Lane with another memorial to the like effect. Both the foregoing sent the Earl of Dartmouth.

Nevis.

St. Christopher's. Debentures sign'd.

Mr. Lane, with several others, merchants, traders in druggets &c., attending, presented to their lordships another memorial [*fo.* 292, 295], much to the same purpose as the foregoing, which was read ; and their lordships then drew up and signed a letter to the Earl of Dartmouth [*fo.* 299], inclosing both the said memorials.

Their lordships then sign'd 36 debentures for the sufferers of Nevis and St. Christopher's, which were number'd as follows, vizt. : No. 130, 131 and 132, and from No. 134 to 159, both inclusive, as also from No. 161 to 167, both likewise inclusive.

February 24. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley, Sir John Hynde Cotton.

Trade.

Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth. East India Company's memorial. The secretary &c. summon'd.

A letter from the Earl of Dartmouth, of the 20th, in answer to one writ his lordship the 17th instant [*fo.* 294, 306], inclosing the copy of a memorial from the East India Company, was read ; whereupon ordered that a letter be sent to the secretary of the said Company, signifying their lordships' desire to speak with some gentlemen of that Company on the subject of their said memorial, deliver'd to the Board the 17th instant.

Memorial from the Company of Weavers relating to the silk and woollen manufactures.

Mr. Richier, Mr. Lekeux and several other persons from the Company of Weavers attending, presented to their lordships a representation from the said Company, under the seal of that Corporation, setting forth the encouragement the silk manufacture of this kingdom has received from the Crown and divers Acts of Parliament and its great increase of late years, and praying that in settling the commerce with France care may be taken that the silk and woollen manufacture may lye under no discouragements by reason thereof, which was read ; and their lordships agreed [*fo.* 298] to send a copy thereof, with a letter, to my Lord Dartmouth, for her Majesty's pleasure thereupon ; and at the same time their

Copy thereof sent Lord Dartmouth.

lordships communicated to them the above-mention'd letter from the Earl of Dartmouth.

Colonel Nicholson, Mr. William Heysham, agent for Barbadoes, and Mr. Thurston, agent for the Lord Archibald Hamilton at Jamaica, attending, their lordships communicated to them the extract of a letter [*fo.* 291] from the Board of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer, relating to the establishments for Barbadoes, Jamaica, New York and Annapolis, mention'd in the minutes of the 19th instant; whereupon Mr. Heysham said that he had no instructions touching what related to Barbadoes, that he did not know how the debt mention'd in the said extract accru'd, but that he wou'd inform himself of some other Barbadoes gentlemen, and wait upon their lordships on Fryday next; whereupon ordered [*fo.* 303] that Mr. Lilly, the engineer, lately arrived from thence, have notice to attend at the same time.

Mr. Thurston said [*fo.* 325] that having no instructions, he wou'd in like manner inform himself against Fryday next.

Colonel Nicholson said that he thought the proposal of the Board of Ordnance for reducing the establishments for the garrison of Annapolis was reasonable, but as for the engineer at New York, who is also engineer at New England, he thought it necessary to continue him there yet a year longer, there being a fort to be built in the Indian country; whereupon their lordships agreed that when they shall make a representation upon this matter, to propose that what relates to the recalling the engineer at New York be left to Colonel Nicholson, and that he represent his opinion after he shall have been upon the place, and examin'd into what is to be done there.

Their lordships agreed the instructions to be given Colonel Nicholson [*fo.* 279, 298], as also a letter to my Lord Treasurer, inclosing the same, and ordered the same to be transcribed.

Their lordships deliver'd to Colonel Charles Matthew a debenture for his loss on the island of St. Christopher's, No. 145.

February 25. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley, Sir John Hynde Cotton.

A letter to the Lord High Treasurer [*fo.* 297, 326], with instructions for Colonel Nicholson, appointed to be her Majesty's Commissioner in North America, pursuant to his lordship's desire, signify'd the 27th of the last month and 5th instant (as directed in yesterday's minutes), was signed.

A letter to the Earl of Dartmouth [*fo.* 296, 305], with the copy of a memorial from the Bayliffs, Wardens and Assistants of the Company of Weavers, London, on behalf of themselves and trade, in relation to settling the commerce with France, was sign'd.

Colonel Nicholson attending, laid before the Board a commission from the Lords Proprietors of Carolina, dated January the 31st, 1743, empowering him to enquire into disorders that have lately happend in that province, and to do other things therein mention'd, which was read, and a copy thereof ordered to be taken; and Colonel Nicholson expressing his doubt whether he might be

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Nova Scotia.
Barbadoes.
Jamaica.
New York.
*The Board of
Ordnance letter
relating to the estab-
lishments communi-
cated to agents &c.
Their opinion on it.*

Col. Lilly summond.

St. Christopher's.
Debenture.

Plantations General.
*Letter to Lord
Treasurer with Col.
Nicholson's instruc-
tions.*
Nova Scotia.

Trade.
*Letter to the Earl of
Dartmouth with
Company of Weavers'
memorial.*

Carolina.
*Lords Proprietors'
commission to Col.
Nicholson, empowering
him to inquire into
disorders there.*

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*Letter to Lord
Treasurer thereupon.*

warranted in the execution of his said commission without her Majesty's particular leave, a letter to the Lord High Treasurer thereupon was immediately drawn up and signed.

Trade.

*Letter from the Earl
of Dartmouth about
persons to be
sumon'd to make good
the allegations in the
two memorials in-
closed to him in the
Board's letter of the
20th instant.
Letters to several of
them thereupon.*

February 26. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley, Sir J. Hynde Cotton.

A letter from the Earl of Dartmouth of the 24th instant [*fo.* 294, 306, 316], signifying her Majesty's pleasure that the Board give notice to the persons who signed the two memorials inclosed in their lordships' letter to him of the 20th of this month, relating to the woollen manufactures, that they attend their lordships to make good their allegations &c., was read ; whereupon ordered [*fo.* 307] that the secretary write to Mr. Davis, Mr. Diston, Mr. Cornish, Mr. Methwen, Mr. Lane and Mr. Harrison, signifying the Board's desire to speak with them and the other gentlemen concern'd on Wednesday next at 11 a clock.

Virginia.

*Letter from the
Governor.*

A letter from Colonel Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, to the Board, dated May 15th, 1712, was read.

Second letter from him.

A letter from Colonel Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, to the Board, dated July 26th, 1712, was likewise read ; and the papers therein referr'd to laid before the Board, which are as follows, vizt. :

Papers referr'd to.

Proclamations issued in Virginia, between July, 1711, and 21st July, 1712.

Account of her Majesty's revenue of 2s. per hogshead, from April, 1711, to April, 1712.

Account of her Majesty's revenue of quit rents in Virginia, from 1st June, 1711, to 25th April, 1712, with the Governor's and Auditor's certificate thereupon.

List of civil officers, tithables, parishes, ministers and militia in Virginia in the year 1712.

Minutes of Council of Virginia, from 24th July, 1711, to 21st July, 1712, inclusive.

*Representation to be
prepared on an extract
thereof about discovery
of mines.*

Their lordships then gave directions [*fo.* 302] for preparing the draught of a representation upon paragraph L of Colonel Spotswood's last-mention'd letter, relating to the discovery of silver mines in Virginia.

**Virginia.
Carolina.**

*Another extract re-
lating to massacres in
North Carolina sent
the Lords Proprietors.*

And ordered that paragraphs O, P and Q of Colonel Spotswood's said letter of 26th July, 1712 [*fo.* 302], relating to the massacres committed by the Indians in North Carolina, and other disorders in that province, be sent to the Lords Proprietors of Carolina, for their lordships' information.

Plantations General.

*Letter to Mr.
Blathwayt for an
account of the revenue
in the plantations.*

Ordered that the secretary write to Mr. Blathwayt, Auditor General of her Majesty's plantations in America [*fo.* 302], to desire an account of the state of the revenue in the said plantations for the last year.

Virginia.

*Third letter from the
Governor.*

Another letter from Colonel Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, to the Board, dated the 15th of October, 1712, was read ; and directions given for preparing answers to the said letters.

February 27. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley, Sir J. H. Cotton.

A letter from the secretary to Mr. Blathwayt, Auditor General of the plantations [*fo.* 301, 261], desiring him to let their lordships have a particular state of the revenue of each of her Majesty's Governments in America, for the last year, as for what time he is able (as directed in yesterday's minutes), was signed.

A letter to the Earl of Dartmouth, inclosing paragraph L of Colonel Spotswood's letter to the Board [*fo.* 300], dated 26th July, 1712, relating to some silver mines on the back of Virginia (as directed yesterday), was signed.

A letter to the Lords Proprietors of Carolina [*fo.* 301], inclosing paragraphs O P Q of Colonel Spotswood's foremention'd letter, relating to the massacres committed by the Indians in North Carolina, and other disorders in that province, was signed.

An Order of Council of the 8th January, 171 $\frac{2}{3}$ [*fo.* 261], upon a representation from this Board of 19th December, 1712, relating to the boundaries between Virginia and Carolina, approving the same, and directing the Earl of Dartmouth, principal Secretary of State, to prepare letters mandatory for her Majesty's royal signature, to the Lords Proprietors of Carolina and Governor of Virginia, for appointing Commissioners to settle the said boundaries &c., was read.

Order of Council, of the 8th January, 171 $\frac{2}{3}$, upon a representation from this Board, dated November 25th, 1712, touching leave for the clergy of New York to appeal from the Governor and Council there, to her Majesty in Council here, approving the said representation [*fo.* 247], and directing her Majesty's principal Secretary of State to prepare a letter for the royal signature accordingly, to be sent to her Majesty's Governor of that province, was read.

Colonel Lilly, the engineer, lately arrived from Barbadoes, attending, as he had been desired [*fo.* 296], and being asked in what state the new fort at Barbadoes was, he said that it was begun in Sir Beville Granville's time, and half finished in 1706, and during Colonel Sharp's presidentship a further progress was made in it; but in Mr. Crow's time the Assembly gave no money towards it, so that nothing has been done since. It has cost the country in money about 4,000*l.*, and in negroes' labour about 5,000*l.*, and he believ'd that for about 11,000*l.* more, including negroes' labour as above, it might be finished and perfected; that it wou'd contain at least 300 soldiers; that it comanded Needham's fort, and was capable of securing the island.

Then being asked whether he thought it necessary that the gunners there shou'd remain? He said that there were 15 gunners there, upon the Ordnance establishment; that supposing the new fort shou'd not be finishd, yet there being 370 guns at least mounted on the several batteries, which are absolutely necessary for the defence of the island, he did think it necessary the gunners shou'd not be recall'd, there being no person on the island that understood the art of gunnery.

Colonel Lilly being withdrawn, and Mr. William Heysham, agent for that island, attending, and being asked some questions

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Plantations General.

Letter to Mr. Blathwayt for a state of the revenue.

Virginia.

Letter to the Earl of Dartmouth with extract of one from Col. Spotswood. Mines.

Virginia.
Carolina.

Letter to Lords Proprietors with extract of one from Col. Spotswood. Massacres.

Virginia.
Carolina.

Order of Council on a representation about boundaries.

New York.

Order on a representation touching appeals.

Barbadoes.

Col. Lilly in relation to the state of the fort, &c. there.

Gunners to be continued.

Barbadoes.

Mr. Heysham's opinion on the foregoing subject.

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upon the same subject, he said that he beleivd the Assembly wou'd not raise any more money for finishing the fort, that the island wou'd not be against recalling the engineer and the gunners, and that he thought their matrosses might well be able to manage their gunns.

March 3. Present :—Lord Guilford, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley, Sir J. H. Cotton.

Trade.
*Letter from Earl of Dartmouth.
Weavers' petition.*

A letter from the Earl of Dartmouth, of the 27th of February, 171²/₃ [fo. 298, *vide infra*], in answer to one from this Board of the 25th of the same month, with the petition of the Company of Weavers, London, was read.

*Memorial from the
worsted weavers &c.
in Norwich touching
their trade with
France.*

Mr. Berney, member of Parliament for Norwich, and others attending [fo. 310], presented to their lordships a memorial from the headsmen, wardens and assistants of the worsted weaving trade in the said city and county of Norfolk, and the merchants, wooll combers and others concern'd in the said manufactory, setting forth the great increase of that manufactory in France, and their fear least it shou'd be prohibited in that kingdom, or high duties laid or continued on the same, to the great discouragement of the woollen manufacture of this kingdom, was read; whereupon [*vide supra*] their lordships communicated to them my Lord Dartmouth's above-mention'd letter.

Trade.
*Memorial from persons concern'd in the
woollen manufacture
at Taunton.*

Mr. John Dyer and others attending [fo. 310], also presented to the Board a memorial from the merchants, clothiers, serge-makers and others concerned in the woollen manufacture at Taunton, which was read, being to the same purpose as that from Norwich above-said; and their lordships then communicated to them my Lord Dartmouth's letter to the Board of the 24th of the last month [fo. 299, *infra*], as also the letter above-mention'd.

*Earl of Dartmouth's
letter in relation to the
memorial from the
East India Company
communicated to
Sir William Hodges
and Mr. Herne.*

Sir William Hodges and Mr. Nathaniel Herne, from the East India Company, attending [fo. 295] (as they had been desired by the secretary's letter to Mr. Woolley, the 24th of February last), their lordships communicated to them my Lord Dartmouth's letter of the 20th of the last month, in answer to one from this Board the 17th, inclosing the copy of a memorial from the said Company.

*Letter to the Earl of
Dartmouth with the
two foregoing memo-
rials.*

Then their lordships gave directions for preparing the draught of a letter to my Lord Dartmouth [fo. 305, *supra*], inclosing copies of the two above-mention'd memorials, for her Majesty's pleasure thereupon.

March 4. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn, Sir J. H. Cotton.

Trade.
*Mr. Diston and
Dubois.
Lord Dartmouth's
letter on memorials
about Treaty of Com-
merce with France.*

Mr. Diston and Mr. Dubois attending [fo. 299], their lordships communicated to them the Earl of Dartmouth's letter of the 24th of the last month; whereupon Mr. Diston said that he never had heard till very lately that a Treaty of Commerce had been so long on foot. Then the memorial presented by them the 20th of the last month was again read, and these gentlemen being ask'd several questions thereupon, Mr. Diston said that, as to the quantity of wooll bought by France this year, he was inform'd of it by a Spaniard (a merchant of Madrid), who was lately here in England;

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but desir'd to be excused from naming him, because it might be a prejudice to him in Spain; the said Spaniard inform'd him that formerly the French never bought above 1,500 baggs of wooll *per annum*, and that this year it appear'd by the registers of wooll, kept at Madrid, that they had bought 10,000 bags.

As to the præ-emption, he said that though it is true the Convent at the Escorial and others do sell the wooll, and that the King has nothing to do with it, yet by the influence of the Grantees in the French interest, they have always given the præ-emption to the French, as the foremention'd Spaniard inform'd him.

As to the drawback of four pieces of eight allow'd by King Philip to the French upon their exporting of Spanish wooll, he said that he had seen several invoyces himself wherein it was allow'd; but that, since the last time he was here, he has heard that, upon the suspension of arms, part of that drawback has been disallow'd, how much exactly he cou'd not tell; and that the duty of two peices of eight per bagg on what we export was remitted also, but, as he has heard, it is to be laid on again, and some English ships that are now at Bilboa are stopp'd in their lading for that reason.

As to the 32 sols per ell laid on our English cloth in France, he said that it was the old duty of 1664, and, if it be continued, will amount to a prohibition, for that though when that duty was laid it was no great burthen upon our woollen trade, yet at present, by reason that they have very much increased and improved their own woollen manufacture, that they have their work done much cheaper, vizt., for about 4 pence per day; whereas ours, the cheapest is tenpence, and that they have their wooll from Spain cheaper, it is certain they will always undersell us, and by that means effectually prohibit our carrying of woollen goods to France.

As to the French King's prohibiting any woollen manufactures being brought into France but in French bottoms, he said that was done in the late King James's reign, in the year 1687, and if it shou'd now be the same, that might be made to serve in lieu of an actual prohibition; for, if the King's pleasure shou'd be privately signify'd to the masters of French ships that they do not bring any woollen manufactures into France, there's none of them wou'd dare to do it.

As to the duty of 12 livres per piece laid in France upon English ratteens, serges &c., he said he had been inform'd, since he was here, that it was but 11 livres; however he look'd upon that as an effectual prohibition of those species.

Mr. Lane attending [*fo.* 299], as he had been desird, the foremention'd letter from the Earl of Dartmouth was communicated to him, and the memorial, presented by him the 20th of the last month, was again read; whereupon he said that they had no knowledge of any Treaty of Commerce being under consideration till very lately, that they had asserted no facts in their memorial, but had only laid before their lordships their fears and apprehensions.

A letter to the Earl of Dartmouth, transmitting the copy of a memorial from the headsmen, wardens and assistants of the worsted weaving trade at Norwich [*fo.* 305, 306], as likewise another from

Trade.

*Mr. Lane upon his
memorial on same
subject.*

*Letter to Earl of
Dartmouth.*

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*Memorials from Nor-
wich and Taunton
about Treaty of Com-
merce with France.*

the merchants, clothiers, sergemakers and others concern'd in the woollen manufacture at Taunton, in relation to a Treaty of Commerce with France (as agreed yesterday), was signed.

March 10. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Foley.

Jamaica.

*Letter from Lord
Archibald
Hamilton.*

Mr. Rigby, deputy secretary of Jamaica, attending, presented to the Board a letter from the Lord Archibald Hamilton, Governor of that island, dated the 3rd January, 171 $\frac{2}{3}$.

*Merchants with
memorial against
captains of men-of-
war.*

Mr. Thompson, Mr. Morris, Mr. Milner and several other Jamaica merchants and planters presented to the Board a memorial complaining of the behaviour of the captains of her Majesty's ships of war attending the said island, particularly their ingrossing in a great measure the trade thereof to the Spanish coast; which was read, and their lordships resolv'd to take the same into further consideration.

March 11. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Foley, Sir J. H. Cotton.

New York.

*Letter from Col.
Hunter.*

A letter from Colonel Hunter, Governor of New York, to the Board, dated the 11th of July last, was read; and the papers therewith transmitted laid before the Board, which are as follow, vizt.:

*Papers therein
referr'd to.*

Journal of the Assembly of New York, from the 30th of April, 1712, to the 26th of June following.

New York.

Acts pass'd at New York the 6th and 26th June, 1712.

*Second letter from
Col. Hunter.
Representation about
behaviour of the
Assembly.*

A letter from Colonel Hunter to their lordships, dated the 31st of October, 1712, was read; and directions given [*fo.* 327] for preparing the draught of a representation upon paragraph F of the said letter, relating to the behaviour of the Assembly of New York, with regard to what has been required of them for the support of that Government.

*Third letter from Col.
Hunter.
Journal of Assembly.*

A letter from Colonel Hunter, Governor of New York, to the Board, dated the 16th of December, 1712, was read; and the journal of the Assembly of that province, from the 25th of August to the 6th of November, 1712, referr'd to therein, was laid before the Board.

*Two letters from
Col. Hunter to the
secretary.*

Two letters from Colonel Hunter, Governor of New York, to the secretary of this Board, dated the 1st of November and 16th of December, 1712, the former relating to the unhappy state of affairs in that province, and the latter particularly complaining of the proceedings of the Assembly there, were likewise read; and directions given for preparing answers to the said letters.

New York.

*Letter from Mr.
Harley on one from
Col. Hunter.*

A letter from Mr. Harley, of the 18th of last month, by order of the Lord High Treasurer, desiring the Board's opinion upon a letter from Colonel Hunter, Governor of New York, to his lordship, dated the 31st of October last, concerning the distracted state of that province, was read.

Ill state of New York.

March 12. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Foley, Sir J. H. Cotton.

Leeward Islands.

*Mr. Duport
interrogated about any
sums of money given
or engaged for debentures.*

Mr. Duport attending, to receive the debentures for the sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's, for whom he appears, and being asked whether he had given or engaged to give any sums of money

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to any person for the procuring of the said debentures, he said that when the losses of Nevis and St. Christopher's were first laid before the Parliament, he was desired by the gentlemen concern'd here to undertake that business, but, after a year or two's time, finding that his other affairs wou'd not permit him to follow that matter so close as it ought to have been, he, at the desire of the other gentlemen, engaged Mr. Campbell in it, and being authoriz'd and impower'd by them, he signed a bond to Mr. Campbell for two and a half *per cent.* for his pains and trouble, to be paid him when the debentures shou'd be issued, in the same manner as the debentures shou'd be paid; and he added, that he beleiv'd Mr. Campbell had been of great service to them in that matter, and that without his help they shou'd not have been able to have gone through the business.

*Bond to Mr.
Campbell.*

Their lordships then examin'd several of Mr. Duport's letters of attorney from some of the said sufferers, and deliver'd to him the 49 debentures, number'd as follows, vizt. :

Debentures delivered.

<i>No.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>No.</i>
6	19	32	51
7	20	33	52
8	21	34	53
9	22	38	54
10	23	39	57
11	24	42	58
12	25	44	59
13	26	45	60
14	27	46	61
15	28	47	64
16	29	48	
17	30	49	
18	31	50	

March 13. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Mr. Foley, Sir J. H. Cotton.

Mr. Duport attending again, their lordships examin'd several of his letters of attorney from others of the sufferers at St. Christopher's, and deliver'd to him the thirty-five debentures number'd as follows, vizt. :

*Leeward Islands.
Mr. Duport.
Debentures.*

<i>No.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>No.</i>
65	74	83	93
66	75	84	94
67	76	85	95
68	77	86	96
69	78	87	97
70	79	88	98
71	80	90	99
72	81	91	100
73	82	92	

March 17. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir J. H. Cotton.

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Miscellanies.
Letter to Lord High
Treasurer.
Salaries.

Trade.

Letter to Earl of
Dartmouth.
Memorials about
woollen manufacture.

A letter to the Lord High Treasurer, desiring his lordship will please to direct payment to be made of a year and half's salary to this Board, pursuant to the orders already issued for that purpose, was signed.

Their lordships then gave directions for preparing a letter to the Earl of Dartmouth [*fo.* 299], in answer to that from him of the 24th of last month (read the 26th of the same) upon two memorials which had been presented to this Board, relating to the woollen manufactures.

Memorandum.—The above-mention'd letter was never sent.

March 19. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Foley, Sir J. H. Cotton.

A letter from Colonel Hunter, Governor of New Jersey, dated the 1st of January, 171 $\frac{1}{2}$, was read, and the papers therein referr'd to, being laid before the Board, [are] as follows, vizt. :

An address from the inhabitants of Salem to Colonel Hunter, desiring to pay their taxes in wheat, and that new representatives may be chosen for that country.

Minutes of Council of New Jersey of the 6th, 7th, 14th, 15th and 16th of July, 1711.

An Act for the better recovery of her Majesty's quit rents.

An Act to prevent soldiers and sailors from deserting her Majesty's service, and servants and slaves from deserting their master[s] or mistresses.

Their lordships gave directions for preparing an answer to the said letter.

March 20. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Foley, Sir John H. Cotton.

Mr. Robert Heysham and Mr. Duport attending, to receive the debentures for the sufferers of Nevis and St. Christopher's, for whom they appear, and their lordships enquiring whether they had given, or engaged to give, any money, or knew of any that had, for the said debentures, Mr. Heysham said that it had been agreed by the persons concern'd here to allow Mr. Campbell 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ *per cent.* commission for his pains and trouble in soliciting this affair, which he was willing to allow ; but that he had heard that there was another instrument signed by some gentlemen, which gave to Mr. Campbell 5 *per cent.* more, if South Sea Stock was on the — of June, 1713, above 76 *per cent.* ; but that as he had not sign'd, nor seen the same, he cou'd not be particular in it ; he added that he had also heard that there was an account of 3 or 4,000*l.* allow'd Mr. Campbell for charges, and that he beleiv'd the whole might amount to above ten thousand pounds.

Mr. Duport said that the above instrument for 5 *per cent.* had been offer'd to him to sign, that he read the begining of it, and then return'd it, and refused to sign it. That he beleiv'd 'twas intended to gratify Mr. Campbell for his further trouble in soliciting, till there shoud be a fund settled for the payment of the said debentures.

Leeward Islands.

Debentures.
Mr. Heysham and
Mr. Duport.
Inquiry about money
given or engaged for
on account of de-
bentures.

Answer to be
prepar'd.

Upon consideration of this matter, ordered that Mr. Merriwether and Mr. Alford have notice to attend the Board on Wednesday next.

Then their lordships examin'd the letters of attorney from several of the sufferers at St. Christopher's to Mr. Robert Heysham, and deliver'd to him the five debentures, vizt.: 161, 162, 163, 164, 165.

Their lordships also deliver'd to Mr. Duport 38 other debentures, according to the following numbers, vizt.:

56	107	114	121	134
101	108	115	122	135
102	109	116	123	136
103	110	117	124	137
104	111	118	125	138
105	112	119	126	139
106	113	120	130	140
			131	142
				144

The 44 debentures hereunder mention'd for the sufferers of Nevis and St. Christopher's being laid before the Board, the same were signed, vizt., No. 133, from No. 168 to 194, both inclusive, No. 196, and from No. 199 to 209, both inclusive, as likewise those number'd 211, 212, 213 and 214.

March 25. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Foley, Sir John H. Cotton.

A letter from Mr. Thomas Allen (one of Mr. Campbell's clerks), of the 21st of February last, to Mr. Robert and Mr. William Heysham, desiring Mr. Robert Heysham to come to a general meeting of the gentlemen concern'd for the sufferers of Nevis and St. Christopher's, in order to settle the disbursements of each particular person, being left here yesterday by Mr. Heysham, was read.

Mr. Merriwether, Mr. Ball and Mr. Alford attending, and being asked what they knew of any money given, or intended to be given, to any person on account of the debentures for the sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's, they said that Mr. Campbell was to have, by the consent of all the gentlemen concern'd here $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. commission for his trouble, and his charges allow'd; that there was besides a contract to allow Mr. Campbell 5 per cent. more, when the said debentures shou'd be admitted into the South Sea Stock; but, as it was a long time since they had seen the said contract, they were not able to be very particular in it, and they inform'd their lordships that Mr. Campbell was attending without, who was best able to give their lordships an account of that matter; whereupon Mr. Campbell being call'd in and ask'd whether there was any agreement or contract to pay him anything on account of the said debentures, he said that there was; that when he first undertook to solicit this affair, at the desire and request of all the gentlemen concern'd here, he acquainted them that he wou'd not do it without such a gratification as might compensate the loss he shou'd sustain in the neglect of his other affairs; and therefore they agreed to allow him 2 and $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. and his charges, to be paid in the

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*Mr. Merriweather
and
Alford summon'd.*

*Debentures deliver'd
to Mr. Heysham
and*

to Mr. Duport.

*Leeward Islands.
Debentures sign'd.*

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*Leeward Islands.
Campbell, Heysham,
&c.
Expence contracted
for debentures.*

*Mr. Merriweather,
Ball and Alford
about money to be
paid on account of
debentures.
Allowance to Mr.
Campbell.*

*Mr. Campbell call'd
in about his
solicitations and
money for procuring
debentures &c.*

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same manner as the debentures shou'd be ; then he produced to their lordships the above-mention'd contract for 5 *per cent.*, which is dated the 15th October, 1712, and signed by Mr. Merriwether, Mr. Ball, Mr. Alford, Mr. Martin, Mr. Tryon, and some others ; the purport whereof is, that they agree to pay him such sums of money as is express'd in an account agreed and settled with him on the 3rd of July last for his services and expences ; and in consideration that the procuring the said debentures to be admitted into the South Sea Stock, or some other fund to be settled for the payment of them, might be attended with some difficulty and further expence, they agreed to allow him instead of a certain a contingent recompence, which was to depend upon the price of the said debentures, as follows, vizt., that, if at any time from their receiving their debentures to the 1st July, 1713, the said debentures shoud be sold for, or worth upon the Exchange of London (the interest thereof included) more than seventy-six pounds *per cent.*, then the parties to the contract were to pay the said Campbell the excess of the said 76 *per cent.*, in case such excess did not exceed 5 *per cent.* But, in case these debentures shall be incorporated in the South Sea Stock, and there shou'd be any call or contribution to the said Stock, which will occasion the rise thereof, the said call or contribution is to be discounted, and not reckon'd as part of the advance of the said Stock, intended to be allow'd the said Campbell.

Then Mr. Campbell, being asked what sort of account that was which is referr'd to in the foresaid contract, he said that it consisted of four or five articles, vizt., of the 2½ *per cent.*, which with the interest amounts to about 3,000*l.* of one *per cent.* more, which the gentlemen voluntarily gave him, and may be about 1,200*l.*, the rest of the account being for expences, and for what he paid to six or seven solicitors during three or four years that this business has been depending, amongst whom Mr. Huggins was one.

He added, that he had offer'd to the gentlemen concern'd that as there are several of them who have been in disburse several sums of money yet unsatisfy'd ; if they wou'd pay him the 2½ *per cent.* in money, he wou'd make good to them all their said disbursements.

Mr. Ball said that, when the forementioned contract was signed, South Sea Stock was at 74½ *per cent.*, and that then, for 200 guineas' premium, anybody might have had a more advantageous contract for South Sea Stock, than Mr. Campbell's is to him.

March 27. Present :—Lord Guilford, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Foley, Sir John H. Cotton.

Leeward Islands.
Debentures sign'd.

Their lordships signed 44 debentures for the sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's, being number'd as follows, vizt. :

160	219	228	237	246
195	220	229	238	247
197	221	230	239	248
198	222	231	240	249
210	223	232	241	250
215	224	233	242	251

216	225	234	243	252
217	226	235	244	253
218	227	236	245	

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Mr. Duport attending the Board again, several of his letters of attorney from others of the sufferers at St. Christopher's were examined, and the five debentures number'd 35, 37, 40, 43 and 253 were deliver'd to him.

Mr. Duport.
Debentures deliver'd.

Mr. Bowden likewise attending, their lordships examin'd his letters of attorney from some of the sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's, and delivered to him 13 debentures, which were number'd as follows, vizt.:

Mr. Bowden.
Debentures deliver'd.

146	151	154	158
147	152	156	159
148	153	157	160
149			

March 31. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley.

A letter from Mr. Thurston [*fo.* 297], agent to the Lord Archibald Hamilton, Governor of Jamaica, dated the 4th instant, and signifying that by what he can learn of the merchants here trading to that island, the people will scarcely agree to the charge of entertaining an engineer and store-keeper there, was read.

Jamaica.
Letter from Mr.
Thurston,
agent.
Charge of engineer
and storekeeper.

A letter to the Lord High Treasurer, upon that from Mr. Harley of the 13th February [*fo.* 291] (which was read the 19th of the same month), relating to the establishments proposed by the Board of Ordnance for Barbadoes, Jamaica, New York and Annapolis, was signed.

Barbadoes.
Jamaica.
New York.
Annapolis.
Letter to Lord
Treasurer.
Ordnance
Establishments.

A letter from Mr. Harley, secretary to the Treasury, dated the 21st instant, returning the instructions and heads of inquiry for General Nicholson, which had been transmitted from the Board to the Lord High Treasurer the 25th of the last month [*fo.* 298], relating to Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, and arrears of prizes, and inclosing an instruction which his lordship desires may be added for the recovery of the arrears of Admiralty rights and perquisites in those parts, was read; and the said instructions being laid before the Board, their lordships approv'd the same; whereupon ordered [*fo.* 329] that the draught of a letter be prepared for inclosing the said instructions to the Earl of Dartmouth, in order to her Majesty's royal signature accordingly.

Plantations General.
Letter from Mr.
Harley. Instruc-
tions and heads of
inquiry for General
Nicholson.
Nova Scotia.
Newfoundland, &c.

An anonymous letter, with a printed paper, relating to the murder of Colonel Parke, late Governor of the Leeward Islands, intituled, *Truth brought to light, or murder will out, &c.*, was laid before the Board.

Letter to Earl of
Dartmouth.

Leeward Islands.
Anonymous letter.
Printed account of
Col. Park's murder.

The draught of a letter to the Earl of Dartmouth upon what Colonel Hunter, Governor of New York, has written [*fo.* 312, 329], relating to the misbehaviour of the Assembly of that province, and the settlement of a revenue for the support of the government there, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

New York.
Behaviour of Assem-
bly. Revenue.
Letter to Earl of
Dartmouth.

April 1. Present:—Lord Guilford, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Foley.

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Leeward Islands.
Debentures signed.

Their lordships signed ninety-four debentures for the sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's, vizt., from No. 254 to No. 350, both inclusive, except the three which are number'd 301, 309, 345.

*Debentures deliver'd
to Mr. Pinney.*

Mr. John Pinney attending the Board, with Mrs. Mary Pinney, his wife, formerly Mrs. Mary Helme, one of the sufferers at the island of Nevis, the debenture number'd 208, in the name of the said Mary Helme, was delivered to them.

Leeward Islands.
*Debentures deliver'd
to Mr. Stringer.*

John Stringer attending the Board, with Sarah his wife, and producing to their lordships an attested copy of the will of Charles Gregory, deceased, one of the sufferers at St. Christopher's, whereby he makes the foresaid Sarah Stringer, his sister, his sole executrix, which being examin'd, the debenture number'd 166, in the name of the said Charles Gregory, was deliver'd to them.

Duport.

Mr. Duport likewise attending, and the letter of attorney to himself, Mr. Merriweather and Mr. Tryon, empowering them to receive the debenture to be issued to Isaac Jolly, deceased, a sufferer at the island of St. Christopher's, being examined at the Board, the said debenture No. 36 was, upon their joint receipt, delivered to the said Duport.

The letter of attorney from several of the sufferers at St. Christopher's, dated there the 1st of November, 1712, whereby Mr. Duport is empowered to receive their debentures, being again laid before the Board, and it appearing that the same was signed by John Olowing, guardian of the orphans of John Parke, one of the said sufferers, the debenture in the name of the said John Parke, number'd 89, was likewise deliver'd to Mr. Duport.

Nova Scotia.
Newfoundland.
Plantations General.
*Letter to Earl of
Dartmouth. Instruc-
tions and heads of
inquiry for General
Nicholson.*

The draught of a letter to the Earl of Dartmouth [*fo.* 326], ordered yesterday to be prepared for inclosing several instructions and heads of inquiry for General Nicholson, to be laid before her Majesty, being read, their lordships agreed and signed the same.

New York.
*Letter to Earl of
Dartmouth about
behaviour of the
Assembly. Revenue.*

The draught of another letter to the Earl of Dartmouth [*fo.* 327], relating to the misbehaviour of the Assembly of New York, and the settlement of a revenue for the support of that government, agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

Miscellanies.
Adjournment.

Then their lordships adjourn'd to Thursday, the 9th instant.

April 10. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Foley.

Leeward Islands.
Mr. Peter Cabibel.
Debentures deliver'd.

Mr. Peter Cabibel, senior, attending, and the letters of attorney from several of the sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's to the said Peter Cabibel by himself, and to Peter Peter and Stephen Cabibel being examined at the Board, the thirty-two debentures number'd 127, and from No. 168 to No. 198, both inclusive, were upon the said several attorneys' receipts delivered to the said Peter Cabibel, senior.

Their lordships then agreed to proceed as fast as may be every day in issuing debentures for the sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's.

Her Majesty's warrants for using the new seals prepared for Virginia and Maryland, being laid before the Board, were read, and copies ordered to be taken thereof.

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Virginia.
Maryland.
*Warrant for using
new seals.*

April 15. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of the 14th April, 1713 [*fo.* 332], inclosing a commission and instructions for Mr. Drummond, appointed commissary for settling the trade with the Spanish Netherlands, as also a letter from the said Drummond relating thereunto, for the Board's opinion thereupon, was read; and their lordships agreed to reconsider the same to-morrow morning.

Trade.
*Letter from Lord
Bolingbroke with Mr.
Drummond's commis-
sion and instructions
as commissary for
settling the trade with
the Netherlands.*

Mr. Samuel Ball attending, and the letters of attorney from several of the sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's to the said Mr. Ball, being examin'd at the Board, the seventeen debentures from No. 211 to No. 226, both inclusive, as also No. 230, were deliver'd to him.

Leeward Islands.
*Mr. Ball.
Debentures deliver'd.*

Mr. Rowland Gideon attending, and the powers of attorney from several sufferers at Nevis to the said Mr. Gideon being examined at the Board, the four debentures N^{os}. 203, 205, 206, 207 were delivered to him.

*Mr. Gideon.
Debentures deliver'd.*

Then their lordships signed three debentures for the sufferers of Nevis, numberd 301, 309, 345.

Nevis.
Debentures signed.

April 16. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Foley, Sir John Hynde Cotton.

A letter from my Lord Bolingbroke, of the 14th instant [*fo.* 330, 339], inclosing a commission and instructions for Mr. Drummond, appointed commissary for settling the trade with the Spanish Netherlands, as also a letter from the said Drummond, on the same subject, for the Board's opinion thereupon, was again read; and after some deliberation thereupon, their lordships agreed to take this matter into further consideration at another opportunity, when they will likewise read the letter from Mr. Loggan, Consul at Bruges, dated the 15th April, 1713, n.s., with a representation of the British merchants and others there, to the Earl of Orrery, containing a state of the grievances which the British trade in Flanders lyes under.

Trade.
*Letter from the Lord
Bolingbroke &c.
reconsider'd.*

A letter to the Earl of Dartmouth, inclosing an address to her Majesty from the Governor, Council and Assembly of Jamaica relating to the Peace (transmitted with the Lord Archibald Hamilton's letter of the 10th October, 1712, not yet read), was sign'd.

Jamaica.
*Address.
Letter to the Earl of
Dartmouth.*

Mr. Rowland Tryon attending, and the letters of attorney from several of the sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's to the said Mr. Tryon, being examined at the Board, the three debentures number'd 199, 200, 201, were delivered to him.

Leeward Islands.
*Mr. Rowland Tryon.
Debentures deliver'd.*

April 17. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Foley.

Mr. Joseph Martyn attending, and the powers of attorney from several of the sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's to the said

Leeward Islands.
*Debentures deliver'd
to Mr. Martin*

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Mr. Martyn being examin'd at the Board, the 18 debentures number'd from 233 to 237, and from 239 to 243, and from 245 to 252, all inclusive, were deliverd to him.

and Mr. Preston.

Mr. John Preston attending, with a letter of attorney from Mr. Francis Claxton, a sufferer at St. Christopher's, it was examin'd at the Board, and the debenture numberd 266 delivered to him.

April 21. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn, Sir J. Hynde Cotton.

New York.

Letter to Col. Hunter.

A letter to Colonel Hunter, Governor of New York [*fo.* 337], in answer to several letters receiv'd from him, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Virginia.

Letter to Col. Spotswood.

A letter to Colonel Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia [*fo.* 337], in answer to several letters received from him, was also agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Maryland.

*Letter to the President.
New seal and warrant.*

A letter to Mr. Lloyd, President of the Council of Maryland [*fo.* 337], transmitting a new seal for that province, with her Majesty's warrant to use the same, was likewise agreed and ordered to be transcrib'd.

St. Christopher's.

Memorial from Mr. Duport. Distribution of lands in the French part.

A memorial from Mr. Duport, relating to the distribution of lands in the late French part of St. Christopher's, conceded to the Crown of Great Britain by the present Treaty of Peace with France, was read.

April 22. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Foley, Sir John Hynde Cotton.

Leeward Islands.

*Mr. Merriweather.
Debentures deliver'd.*

Mr. Richard Merriweather attending, and the powers of attorney from several of the sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's, to the said Mr. Merriweather, being examined at the Board, the eighty-four debentures number'd from 254 to 265, the debenture number'd 268, those number'd from 270 to 309, from 311 to 320, from 322 to 326, and from 334 to 349, all the said numbers inclusive, were delivered to him.

Debentures signed.

Then their lordships signed seventy-six debentures for the sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's, vizt., from No. 351 to No. 426, inclusive.

April 23. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn, Sir John Hynde Cotton.

New York.
Letter from Col. Hunter.

A letter from Colonel Hunter, Governor of New York, &c. [*fo.* 340], dated there the 14 of March, 171²₃, was read; and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, vizt.:

*Papers therein
referr'd to.*

Minutes of the Council and Council in Assembly of New York, from the 24th June, 1712, to the 5th March, 171²₃.

Journal of the Assembly of New York, from the 25th of August to the 10th December, 1712.

Account of the charge of the several Sessions of the General Assembly of New York, from the 1st of September, 1710, to the 10th of December, 1712.

New Jersey.

*Letter from Col. Hunter.
Copy of one from the clergy of New York and New Jersey to Mr. Henderson.*

Another letter from Colonel Hunter, of the same date, relating to his government of New Jersey, was read; with the copy of a letter he therein refers to from the Convocation of the Clergy of New York and New Jersey, to Mr. Jacob Henderson, missionary in

Pennsylvania, upon information of the said Henderson's unjustly aspersing several gentlemen recommended by Colonel Hunter to be of the Council of New Jersey.

Then the draught of a letter which, according to the orders of the 11th and 19th of March last, was prepared to Colonel Hunter, in answer to several letters from him [*fo.* 334], relating to both the provinces of New York and New Jersey, being laid before the Board, some additions were made thereto, and the same being transcribed, was signed.

The draught of a letter to Colonel Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia [*fo.* 334], pursuant to their lordships' directions of the 26th of February last, being laid before the Board, the same was agreed, and with an additional clause relating to the new seal and warrant for the using thereof, transcribed and signed.

A letter to Colonel Lloyd, President of the Council of Maryland [*fo.* 334], with the new seal for that province, and inclosing her Majesty's warrant for using the same, was signed.

April 24. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley, Sir John Hynde Cotton.

Mr. Richard Merriwether attending again, and several other of his letters of attorney from sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's being examined at the Board, the nineteen debentures number'd as under-written were delivered to him, vizt.:

No. 331	353	357	365	371
332	354	358	366	373
351	355	362	367	405
352	356	363	369	

April 28. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Foley, Sir John Hynde Cotton.

Mr. Earle, member of Parliament for Bristol, attending, and his letter of attorney from Mrs. Anne Sheppard, one of the sufferers at Nevis, being examin'd at the Board, the debenture number'd 422 for the said Mrs. Sheppard was delivered to Mr. Earle (according to agreement the 16th instant).

Their lordships then resum'd the consideration of the letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, dated the 14th of this month [*fo.* 332, 343], relating to a commission and instructions for Mr. Drummond, appointed commissary to settle the trade with the Spanish Netherlands, and read the letter from Mr. Loggan, Consul at Bruges, dated the 15th instant, new stile, with a representation of the British merchants and others there, to the Earl of Orrery, containing a state of the grievances which the British trade in Flanders is under; whereupon ordered that the draught of a letter in answer to his lordship's be prepared.

Mr. Alexander Geekie attending, and his letter of attorney from Mr. William Henderson and Anne Carew *alias* Henderson, his wife, sufferers at St. Christopher's, being examined at the Board, the debenture number'd 133, was delivered to Mr. Geekie.

Mr. Nathaniel Carpenter likewise attending, and the letter of administration upon the will of Colonel Christopher Codrington,

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New York.
New Jersey.
Letter to Col. Hunter.

Virginia.
Letter to
Col. Spotswood.

New seal.

Maryland.
Letter to the President.
New seal and
warrant.

Leeward Islands.
Debentures deliver'd
to Mr. Merriweather.

Leeward Islands.
Debenture.
Mr. Erle.

Trade.
Netherlands.
Letter from Lord
Bolingbroke.
Commission and
instructions for Mr.
Drummond.
Letter from Mr.
Loggan.
Grievances in
Flanders trade.
Answer to Lord
Bolingbroke.

Leeward Islands.
Debentures deliver'd
to Mr. Geekie

and Mr. Carpenter.

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deceased, whereby Mr. Carpenter is constituted one of Colonel Codrington's executors, being examin'd at the Board, together with the letters of attorney to the said Carpenter from several other sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's, the eight debentures number'd 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386 and 388, were deliver'd to him.

Virginia.
Mr. Perry and Col.
Blakiston.
Mr. Cocke recom-
mended to be of the
Council.

Mr. Micajah Perry and Colonel Blakiston attending, they acquainted their lordships with the death of Colonel Harrison, late one of the Council of Virginia, and humbly recommended Mr. Cocke, secretary of that Colony, to supply the vacancy occasion'd thereby in the said Council; whereupon order'd that the name of Mr. Cocke be enter'd in the list of persons recommended for such trust.

New York.
Extract of Col.
Hunter's letters and
instructions about
quit rents and grants
sent

Then their lordships, reconsidering what Colonel Hunter writes in his letter of the 14th of March last [*fo.* 336, 409] (which was read the 23 instant), relating to her Majesty's quit rents in the province of New York; order'd that a copy of the clause in her Majesty's instructions to Colonel Hunter, Governor of that province, relating to grants of lands and preservations of quit rents, together with an extract of Colonel Hunter's said letter, wherein he states some queries relating thereunto, be sent to Mr. Attorney General, for his opinion in point of law, as soon as conveniently may be.

to Mr. Attorney
General.

April 29. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Foley.

Leeward Islands.
Debentures signed.

Their lordships signed forty-three debentures for the sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's, which were number'd as follows, vizt.:

128	432	439	446	453	460
374	433	440	447	454	461
427	434	441	448	455	462
428	435	442	449	456	463
429	436	443	450	457	464
430	437	444	451	458	465
431	438	445	452	459	466
					467

Mr. Smergin's de-
livered.

Mr. William Smergin, one of the said sufferers, attending, the debenture No. 404, for his loss at Nevis, was deliver'd to him.

April 30. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Foley.

Leeward Islands.
Debentures deliver'd
to Mr. Everenden,

Mr. Anthony Everendon attending, and his letters of attorney from two of the sufferers at St. Christopher's being examined at the Board, the debentures number'd 396 and 397 were delivered to him.

Mr. Campbell

Mr. James Campbell likewise attending, his letter of attorney from Mr. John Thornton, one of the sufferers at Nevis, was examin'd at the Board, and the debenture number'd 390 was delivered to him.

and

Capt. Smith.

Captain John Smith attending, and his letters of attorney from four of the sufferers at Nevis being examined at the Board, the debentures number'd 398, 399, 400 and 401 were deliver'd to him.

May 5. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of the first instant [fo. 339], referring to the consideration of the Board the copies of two letters &c., from Mr. Drummond, appointed commissary for settling of trade with the Spanish Netherlands, and desiring their lordships to report what they shall thereupon judge for her Majesty's service, and the good of the British commerce &c., in those parts, was read; and directions given for preparing an answer to my Lord Bolingbroke's said letter.

Wynne Houblon, esquire, attending, and the copy of the will of the late Mr. James Houblon, one of the sufferers at Nevis, whereby the said Wynne Houblon is appointed his executor, being examin'd at the Board, the debenture number'd 379 was delivered to him.

May 6. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton.

A letter to the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, in answer to his lordship's two letters of the 14th of the last month, and first instant [fo. 343], relating to Mr. Drummond, appointed commissary for settling the trade with the Spanish Netherlands, as ordered yesterday, was signed.

Mr. William Coleman attending, and his letters of attorney from three of the sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's being examined at the Board, the debentures number'd 392, 393, and 402 were delivered to him.

Mr. Tudor Lee also attending, and his letter of attorney from Edward Chaddock, a sufferer at St. Christopher's, being examined at the Board, the debenture number'd 394 was deliver'd to the said Mr. Lee.

Mr. James Young likewise attending, and his letter of attorney from Mrs. Sarah Brown, a sufferer at St. Christopher's, being examined at the Board, the debenture number'd 426 was delivered to him.

Mr. William Willard and Mr. William Wood attending, in behalf of the captors that are interested in the duties demanded on prize goods brought into Jamaica, and praying their lordships would be pleased to let them have a copy of the state of the case, as transmitted to their lordships about April, 1710, by the Governor, Council and Assembly of that island; their lordships thereupon ordered that a copy thereof should be given accordingly.

May 7. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Foley, Sir John Hynd Cotton.

An Order of Council, of the 15th of the last month, referring to the Board a certificate from the Lords Proprietors of Carolina of their having appointed Robert Johnson, esquire, to succeed Charles Craven, esquire, in the government of Carolina, and recommending the said Johnson for her Majesty's royal approbation, was read; whereupon a representation, being immediately drawn up, was signed.

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*Netherlands.
Letter from Lord
Bolingbroke with
letters from Mr.
Drummond.*

*Answer to his
lordship.*

Nevis.

*Debenture to Mr.
Houblon.*

Trade.

*Flanders &c.
Letter to Lord
Bolingbroke.
Mr. Drummond.*

Leeward Islands.

*Debentures deliver'd
to Mr. Coleman,*

Mr. Lee,

and

Mr. Young.

Jamaica.

*Mr. Willard and Mr.
Wood.
Case of duties on
prize goods.*

Carolina.

*Certificate of Lords
Proprietors nomina-
ting Mr. Johnson
Governor.*

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Leeward Islands.
*Debentures deliver'd
 to Capt. Matthew,*

Captain William Matthew attending, and producing to the Board his powers from Margaret Hill, one of the sufferers at St. Christopher's, contained in an indenture tripartite of the 18th of April, 1709, executed by the said Captain Matthew, Anne his wife, and Margaret Hill; the debenture number'd 395, in the name of the said Margaret Hill, was delivered to him.

Mr. Baker

Mr. Richard Baker attending, and his letters of attorney from several of the sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's being examined at the Board, the debentures number'd 408, 409, and 411 were deliver'd to him.

and

Mr. Streater.

Mr. Samuel Streater attending, and his letters of attorney from several of the sufferers at Nevis being examined at the Board, the debentures number'd 418, 419, and 420 were deliver'd to him.

May 8. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Foley.

Leeward Islands.
*Debentures deliver'd
 to Mr. Edwards and
 Schoppens.*

Mr. John Edwards attending, and the letter of attorney from Henry Lloyd, one of the sufferers at Nevis, to the said Edwards and John Schoppens, being examined at the Board, the debenture number'd 167, in the name of the said Henry Lloyd, was, upon the said Edward and Schoppens' joint receipt, delivered to Mr. Edwards.

Mr. South.

Mr. Humphrey South attending, and his letters of attorney from several of the sufferers at Nevis being examin'd at the Board, the four debentures number'd 413, 414, 415 and 416 were delivered to him.

Plantations General.
*Order of Council.
 Proclamation of the
 Peace.*

An Order of Council, of the 4th instant, directing the Board forthwith to cause her Majesty's proclamation for publishing the Treaties of Peace and Commerce lately concluded between her Majesty and his most Christian Majesty the French King, to be sent to the respective Governors of her Majesty's plantations in America &c., was read; and circular letters being accordingly prepared for that purpose to the Governors or Proprietors of her Majesty's several plantations, the same were signed.

Circular letters.

May 12. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley, Sir J. Hynde Cotton.

Trade.
*Order of House of
 Commons.
 Representations and
 memorials about trade
 with France.*

An Order of the House of Commons, of the 9th instant, directing their lordships to lay before that House the representations made to this Board from the merchants and several Corporations of Great Britain, in relation to trade, while the Gertruydenberg Treaty was depending and afterwards [fo. 349], and also the petitions and memorials that have been lately laid before the said Commissioners relating to the trade of this kingdom, and what directions and commands they have received from her Majesty thereupon, being read, directions were given for copying the several papers therein mention'd; and the draught of a report in answer to the said order was drawn up, agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Answer agreed.

May 14. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley, Sir John Hynde Cotton.

A report, in answer to an Order of the House of Commons of the 9th instant, mention'd in the minutes of Tuesday last [fo. 348], requiring several papers &c. from this Board, relating to the trade of this kingdom, was signed, and the said paper being copied, and laid before the Board, Mr. Monckton was desired to present the same to the House, which he promised to do accordingly.

May 15. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Foley.

An Order of Council, of the 4th instant, signifying her Majesty's pleasure that this Board do lay before the House of Commons the draught of a Bill transmitted with their lordships' letter to the Earl of Dartmouth of the first of April, and proposed to be pass'd into an Act of Parliament, for settling a revenue in the province of New York, was read; whereupon their lordships resolved to desire Sir John Hynd Cotton will please to lay the same before the House of Comons accordingly.

Mr. John Travers attending, and his letter of attorney from William Fenton, one of the sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's, being examin'd at the Board, the two debentures number'd 449 and 456 were delivered to him.

Mr. Humphrey South likewise attending, the letters of attorney to him and the foresaid Mr. Travers from James Bevon and Thomas Beauchamp, two of the said sufferers at Nevis, were examined, and upon the said South and Travers' several receipts, the debenture number'd 417 was delivered to them.

Mr. Joseph Martin and Mr. Jonathan Netherway attending, and the letter of attorney from Mary Netherway, who with the said Joseph Netherway was a sufferer at Nevis, being examined, the debenture number'd 378, upon the said Martin and Netherway's several receipts, was deliverd to them.

Mr. Richard Merriweather also attending, and the letters of attorney to him from several of the sufferers at Nevis, as likewise the letter of attorney to the said Merriweather, with Mr. Martin's above-mentiond, being examin'd at the Board, the four debentures number'd 328, 333, 350 and 467 were delivered to Mr. Merriweather himself, and the debenture number'd 376 deliver'd to him and Mr. Martyn jointly.

The draught of an additional instruction for Henry Pulleyn, esquire, her Majesty's Lieutenant Governor of Bermuda, forbidding him to receive presents from the Assembly of those islands &c., and relating to his house-rent and augmentation of salary thereupon, being prepared and laid before the Board, a letter to the Earl of Dartmouth, inclosing the said draught of instructions for her Majesty's pleasure, was signed.

May 18. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton.

An Order of Council, of the 4th of May, 1713, referring to the Board a certificate from the Lords Proprietors of Carolina to her Majesty, relating to their having nominated and appointed Charles Eden, esquire, to be Governor of North Carolina, in the place

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Trade.

Report to House of Commons.

New York.

*Order of Council.
Bill to pass into an
Act of Parliament
for settling a revenue.*

Leeward Islands.

Mr. Travers.

Debentures deliver'd

to Mr. South.

Mr. Martin and

Netherway.

Mr. Merriweather.

Bermuda.

*Additional instruc-
tion to Mr. Pulleyn
about presents and
house rent.
Letter to Earl of
Dartmouth.*

Carolina.

*Order of Council.
Certificate of Lords
Proprietors.
Mr. Eden, Governor
of North Carolina.*

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Representation.

of Edward Hyde, esquire, deceased, and recommending the said Eden for her Majesty's royal approbation, was read [*fo.* 362], whereupon a representation to her Majesty was drawn up and signed.

Leeward Islands.
Messrs. Alford.

*Debentures sign'd
and delivered.*

May 19. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley, Sir John Hynde Cotton. Mr. Joseph and Mr. Daniel Alford attending, and their letters of attorney from several of the sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's being examined at the Board, the debenture number'd 469, now signed, and the seventeen debentures which are number'd as under-written, were delivered to the said Joseph and Daniel Alford upon their joint receipts, vizt.:

428	431	436	439	442	446
429	432	437	440	443	469
430	433	438	441	445	

*Mr. Walker's
debenture.*

Mr. Pecok Walker, one of the executors of Mr. James Walker, a sufferer at Nevis, deceased, attending, and his letter of attorney from Mary Walker and Richard Walker, the other executors of the said James Walker, being examin'd at the Board, the debenture number'd 202, in the name of James Walker, was delivered to the said Mr. Pecok Walker.

Leeward Islands.
Col. Jory.
Debentures deliver'd.

May 20. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley.

Colonel Jory, one of the sufferers at Nevis, attending, the debenture number'd 406, in his own name, was delivered to him, as likewise the debenture number'd 407, upon examination of his letter of attorney from Anne Hacket, a sufferer at St. Christopher's.

Trade.
*Orders of House of
Lords.*
*Projects of treaties
of commerce with
France &c.*

Two Orders of the House of Lords, dated yesterday, directing this Board to lay before them the draughts or projects of any Treaty of Commerce with France, prepared by or communicated to the Board, before the Treaty of Peace at Ryswick, and since the year 1708, with other papers relating thereto, were read; and directions given for preparing copies of the said draughts or projects of treaties and papers accordingly.

Trade.
*Order of House of
Lords.*
*Rules not contain'd
in the tariff of 1664.*
Answer.
*Lord Guilford to
deliver it.*

May 21. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley.

An Order of the House of Lords, dated yesterday, directing the Board to lay before that House an account of the rules not contain'd in the Tariffe of 1664, but prescribed at that time for the payment of any duties in any provinces not particularly mention'd in that Tariffe, was read; and an answer thereto was immediately drawn up, signed and delivered to the Lord Guilford, who promised to lay the same before the House of Lords accordingly.

Trade.
*Order of House of
Lords.*
*Succession and
Barrier Treaty of 1709.*

May 27. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley, Sir John Hynde Cotton.

An Order of the House of Lords, dated 21st instant, requiring the Board to lay before that House their report and observations on the Succession and Barrier Treaty with the Dutch in 1709, was read, and directions given for copying the same accordingly.

An Order of the Lords of the Committee of Council for hearing appeals from the plantations, dated the 22nd instant [*fo.* 358], upon the petition of Mr. Robert Saunders, who prays liberty to proceed against Gersham Elye, esquire, a member of the Assembly of Jamaica, notwithstanding his privilege, in order to the recovery of a considerable estate in that island, referring it to this Board to inform themselves and report whether privilege has at any time been claimed by the members of the Assembly of Jamaica, whether allowed, in what cases, and the issue thereof, was read; and Mr. Elmer and Mr. March, two gentlemen of Jamaica, attending, with the said Mr. Saunders, they acquainted their lordships that the said Elye does stand upon his privilege; that no Court in that island will take cognizance of any suit or application, where privilege is claimed; and that the present Assembly, which was chosen in the time of Major-General Handasyd's government of that island, is still continued, whereby several of the members thereof protect themselves from paying their just debts, to the great prejudice of her Majesty's subjects and the trade of Jamaica; whereupon, these gentlemen retired, the draught of a representation in answer to the said Order was prepared, agreed and order'd to be transcribed.

May 28. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Foley, Sir J. Hynde Cotton.

An Order from a Committee of the House of Commons, to whom the petition of several planters, inhabitants of, and merchants trading to, the island of Jamaica is referr'd, dated yesterday, and requiring the secretary of this Board to lay before the said Committee an extract of the Assembly of the 27th of March, 1710, was read; whereupon the minutes of the Assembly of Jamaica, being examin'd, and it appearing that they did not proceed that day to any business, but only adjourn'd to the 28th of March, 1710, order'd that an extract of the minutes of the Assembly of Jamaica, both of the 27th and 28th of March, 1710, about prize goods, with what else immediately relates thereto, be prepared to be laid before the said Committee accordingly.

Copies of the several papers in return to the three Orders of the House of Lords, dated the 19th and 21st instant, being prepared, as directed the 20th and 27th of this month, and the lists thereof read, the Lord Guilford was desired to lay the same before the House of Lords, which his lordship promised to do accordingly.

A report to the Lords of the Committee of Council, for hearing appeals from the plantations, pursuant to their order mention'd in yesterday's minutes [*fo.* 355], upon the petition of Mr. Saunders relating to the privilege claimed by the members of Assembly at Jamaica, was signed.

June 1. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Foley, Sir John Hynde Cotton.

A letter from the Earl of Dartmouth, of the 27th May last, referring to the Board the petition of the Hudson's Bay Company, desiring the assistance of a man-of-war, for taking possession of the

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Jamaica.
Plantations General.
Order of Committee
of Appeals.
Saunders' petition.

Privilege of mem-
bers of Assembly.

Mr. Elmer and
March about Mr.
Eyle's insisting on
privilege &c.

Representation
agreed.

Jamaica.
Order of Committee
of House of
Commons for minutes
of the Assembly.

Prize goods.

Trade.
Lists of papers for
the House of Lords.
Lord Guilford to
present them.

Jamaica.
Plantations General.
Report to Committee
of Appeals.
Saunders' petition.
Privilege of Assem-
bly men.

Hudson's Bay.
Company's petition
referr'd by Earl of
Dartmouth.

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*Several members of
the Company heard.*

places and territories belonging to the said Company in the said Bay, which were in the possession of France, was read; and Sir Biby Lake, with several members of the said Company attending, and being asked several questions, they said that whilst Fort Nelson was in their possession, they always nominated a Governor to her Majesty, who was pleased to grant him a commission to command in chief there; that the French King's order for delivering up the places in the said Bay was directed to the Governor of Quebeck, which lyes so far distant from Hudson's Bay that it was not practicable for him to do it, and therefore her Majesty has been pleased to send to France for a new order, and that, as soon as the same did arrive, they wou'd wait upon their lordships.

New England.
*Letter from Mr.
Harley.
Representation from
Post Master General.
Bills of credit.*

A letter from Mr. Harley, secretary of the Treasury, of the 16th of May last, with a representation of the Post Master General, to the Lord High Treasurer [*fo.* 379], relating to the loss which the revenue of postage will suffer in New England, by the currency of paper bills of credit there, was read; and their lordships agreed to take the same into consideration at the first opportunity.

Plantations General.
*Letter from Mr.
Harley.
Expence of Ordnance
stores.*

Another letter from Mr. Harley, of the 23rd of May [*Q. fo.* 116], signifying my Lord High Treasurer's desire that the Board consider how the several plantations may defray their own expence of ordnance, stores &c., was read; and their lordships agreed to consider the same at a full Board.

Trade.
*Order of House of
Lords.
Lord Bolingbroke's
letters.*

An Order from the House of Lords, of the 30th of May [*vide infra*], directing the Board to lay before that House an account [*fo.* 361], whether any and what answer was sent, and what return was made or what was done, in answer to the Lord Bolingbroke's letters of the 8th of May, and 24th July, 1712, was read, and directions given for looking out the papers therein mentioned.

Spanish Netherlands. A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of the 13th of May, 1713, with several papers from the Earl of Orrery and Mr. Drummond, relating to trade in the Spanish Netherlands, were read.

June 2. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley.

Trade.
*Lord Guilford to
report an answer to
the Order of House of
Lords on Lord
Bolingbroke's letters.*

The Lord Guilford was desired to acquaint the House of Lords, in answer to their order of the 30th of the last month, and mentioned in yesterday's minutes [*vide supra*, 363], that no answer was return'd by the Board to the Lord Bolingbroke's letter of the 8th May, 1712, and that there could be none to his letter of the 24th July following, his lordship going immediately after that time to France.

June 4. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley, Sir John Hynde Cotton.

Trade.
*Netherlands.
Letter from Lord
Bolingbroke.*

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of the 26th May, 1713 [*fo.* 360, 363], inclosing the copies of several papers, receiv'd from Mr. Drummond, her Majesty's commissary for commerce in the Netherlands, was read, together with the said papers, which are as follow, vizt.:

*Papers from Mr.
Drummond.*

Copy of a letter from Mr. Drummond to the Lord Bolingbroke, dated at Utrecht, the 30th of May, 1713.

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First, extract of the register of the resolutions of the States General, the 9th of May, 1713.

Second, extract of the register of the resolutions of the States General the 9th of May, 1713.

Copy of a letter from Mr. Drumond to the Lord Bolingbroke, dated at Utrecht the 2nd of June, 1713.

Provisional regulation for the trade of the Spanish Netherlands.

Whereupon ordered, that a translation be made of the said regulation, to be consider'd to-morrow morning, and that Mr. Dorpere be desired to attend the Board at the same time.

An Order of Council, of the 18th of May, 1713 [*fo.* 352], approving the report of this Board, dated the same day, relating to Charles Eden, esquire his being appointed Governor of North Carolina, and the said order directing their lordships to take care that good security be given by the said Charles Eden accordingly, was read; whereupon the Honorable Charles Bertie, esquire, and the Reverend Mr. James Jones attending, were called in, and they declaring themselves willing to enter into security for Mr. Eden, as her Majesty has been pleased to direct, the secretary, by order of the Board, wrote a letter to the secretaries of the Treasury, inclosing the draught of a bond approved of by Mr. Attorney General [*fo.* 375], that the said security may be taken at the Exchequer or elsewhere, as the Right Honorable the Lord High Treasurer shall think fit.

An Order of the House of Lords, dated the 2nd instant, requiring copies of the minutes of all the proceedings of this Board, from the 9th of May, 1712, to the 24th July following, was read; and the said minutes being accordingly copy'd, the Lord Guilford was desired to lay the same before the House, which he promised to do accordingly.

The Lord Guilford then acquainted the Board [*fo.* 360] that he had deliver'd the message to the House of Lords, as desired at the last meeting.

June 5. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Foley, Sir John Hynde Cotton.

Their lordships took again into consideration the letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, mentioned in yesterday's minutes, together with the papers therein referr'd to [*fo.* 361, 365], and particularly the provisional regulation for the trade of the Spanish Netherlands, with the translation ordered to be made thereof; and Mr. Dorpere attending, as he had been desired, was called in, and the said provisional regulation communicated to him; whereupon he said, in reference to the first article, relating to the duties to be paid upon goods ent'ring into or exported out of the Netherlands, that he thought it might be better to express the duties paid by the tariff of the 21st December, 1680, than the duties paid in the year 1680, because of a difference between the duties paid in the said year, and those paid pursuant to the said tariff; that he did not know that difference, but promised to write to his correspondents in Flanders for information what duties were paid at any time in the year 1680, different from those imposed by the

*New regulation to be translated.
Mr. Dorpere summoned.*

Carolina.
*Order of Council.
Eden Governor of
North Carolina.*

His sureties.

Letter to the secretaries of the Treasury.

Trade.
Miscellanies.
*Order of the House of Lords.
Minutes of the Board to be laid before them.*

Trade.
Answer to the House of Lords.

Trade.
*Flanders.
Letter from Lord Bolingbroke.
Papers from Mr. Drumond.*

Provisional regulation.

Mr. Dorpere's opinion &c.

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*Answer to Lord
Bolingbroke.*

said tariff, and to lay such answer as he shal receive before the Board.

Mr. Dorpere being withdrawn, their lordships gave directions for preparing an answer to the Lord Bolingbroke's fore-mention'd letter.

Trade.

*Flanders.
Letter from Lord
Bolingbroke with
letters &c. from Mr.
Drummond.
Answer.*

June 8. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley, Sir John H. Cotton.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of the 5th June, 1713, inclosing copies of two letters, dated the 6th and 9th instant, n.s., from Mr. Drummond, commissary for commerce in Flanders, with a new draught of a provisional regulation for the trade of the Spanish Netherlands [*fo.* 363], were read; and an answer thereunto, as also to another letter from my Lord Bolingbroke on the same subject, mention'd in the minutes of the 4th instant [*fo.* 361, 367], was drawn up, agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

New England.
*Letter from Mr.
Harley.
Petition of disbanded
officers and soldiers
&c.
Grant of land.*

A letter from Mr. Harley, of the 4th instant, by order of the Lord High Treasurer, referring to the Board a petition [*fo.* 368], presented to her Majesty, in the name of several officers and soldiers who served in the late war, and are now disbanded, praying a grant of a great tract of land in North America uninhabited, and belonging to her Majesty, between New England and Nova Scotia, in order to their settling and planting there, was read, as likewise the papers inclosed in the said letter. Whereupon ordered that Mr. Dummer, agent for New England, have notice to be at the Board on Thursday morning next at ten of the clock.

*Mr. Dummer
summon'd.*

June 9. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley, Sir John H. Cotton.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of the 8th instant, referring to the Board an address from the House of Commons to her Majesty [*fo.* 370], desiring an account of what has been stipulated for the trade of Great Britain in Flanders, and how the same is secured, was read; and their lordships taking into consideration the Barrier Treaty, concluded at Utrecht the 30th of January last, gave directions for preparing an answer to the Lord Bolingbroke's foresaid letter.

Trade.
*Letter from Lord
Bolingbroke.
Address from the
House of Commons.
Trade with Flanders.*

*Answer to be pre-
pared.*

June 10. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley, Sir John H. Cotton.

A letter to the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, in answer to his lordship's of the 26th of the last month, and 5th instant [*fo.* 365, 387] (mention'd in the minutes of the 4th and 8th of this month), upon several letters from Mr. Drummond and the provisional regulations transmitted by him, relating to the trade of Flanders, was sign'd.

Trade.
*Flanders.
Mr. Drummond.
Letter to Lord
Bolingbroke.*

Leeward Islands.
*Debenture.
Mr. Tryon.*

Mr. William Tryon attending, he signed the receipt (which Mr. Rowland Tryon had already done) for the debenture number'd 201, in the name of Daniel Burchal, one of the sufferers at St. Christopher's, pursuant to a letter of attorney to the said Mr. Rowland and William Tryon, which having been examin'd, the said debenture was deliver'd to Mr. William Tryon accordingly.

Two letters from Mr. Burchet, secretary to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 21st of May and 9th instant, relating to a convoy's being appointed for the trade of Newfoundland, and to such heads of enquiry as this Board may think fit to be given the Commodore of the said convoy, were read; and a draught of the usual heads of inquiry given to the Commodore of the Newfoundland convoy being prepared, ordered that the secretary transmit the same to Mr. Burchet, for the answers of the Commodore now appointed.

A letter to General Nicholson and another to Captain Moody, inclosing her Majesty's proclamations to be published in Newfoundland for declaring the peace with France, were signed.

June 11. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley, Sir John Hynde Cotton.

Mr. Dummer attending, as he had been directed and being acquainted with the petition of the disbanded soldiers [*fo.* 364, 371], for a tract of land in New England between Nova Scotia and the River Sagadahoc, referred to the Board by my Lord Treasurer, and mention'd in the minutes of the 8th instant, he said that the lands therein mentioned were within the Massachusetts Charter; that formerly the Earl of Limerick had made a proposal for settling a colony of Irish Roman Catholics there, but that, upon his writing to the government of the Massachusetts Bay, they had absolutely refused to admit them, by reason of their religion, and had signify'd their willingness to receive any others; and he read to their lordships part of a letter from the Assembly of that province to him to the same purpose; he added that he had no objection to the sending the petitioners there, if it cou'd be done; on the contrary, he thought it wou'd be a strengthening of the frontiers, and that in time these people might be of service in the production of naval stores. He also produced a letter from the Dutchess of Hamilton and Brandon to him, whereby she laid claim to 10,000 acres of lands in those parts, in behalf of those claiming under the grant to the Marquis of Hamilton; but he said he beleived those lands were never planted or settled by the grantees.

An Order of the House of Lords, dated yesterday, requiring the representation made to his late Majesty by this Board, the 23rd December, 1697, to be laid before their lordships, was read; and directions accordingly given for preparing a copy of the representation of that day upon the general state of the trade of this kingdom.

Two Orders of the House of Commons, dated yesterday, requiring the memorial of Robert Meers [*fo.* 371] to be laid before that House, as likewise all memorials, petitions, representations, schemes of trade, and papers relating thereunto that are before this Board, concerning the trade of England and France, between the years 1664 and 1676, and also the representation presented to the late King by their lordships, in the year 1697, in relation to the commerce with France, were read; and directions given for preparing a report, and copies of several papers, in answer to the said Orders.

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Newfoundland.
Letters from Mr.
Burchet. Convoy.

*Heads of inquiry,
to be transmitted to
Mr. Burchet for the
Commodore.*

Newfoundland.
Letters from General
Nicholson and Capt.
Moody.
Proclamations for
the peace.

New England.
Mr. Dummer.
Petition of disbanded
soldiers.
Lands they desire to
settle &c.

Trade.
Order of House of
Lords.
Representation
in 1697.
Trade with France
&c.

Orders from the House
of Comons.
Memorial of Meers
and papers about
trade with France.

Report to be prepar'd.

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*Trade with Flanders
Representation and
letter to Lord Boling-
broke.*

The draught of a representation to her Majesty [fo. 366], upon an address from the House of Commons inclosed in the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke's letter of the 8th instant (which was read the 9th), requiring an account what is stipulated for the trade of Great Britain in Flanders, was signed, together with a letter to his lordship, for inclosing the same.

June 12. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley.

*Trade.
Mr. Meers summonsd
upon Order of House
of Commons.*

Ordered that Mr. Robert Meers [fo. 370, 372] (mention'd in the Order of the House of Commons of the 10th instant, and read yesterday) be desired to come to the Board on Monday morning next, at eleven of the clock.

*New England.
Petition of disbanded
officers and soldiers.*

A petition from several disbanded officers and soldiers, praying their lordships to dispatch their report upon their petition [fo. 368, 372], refer'd to the Board by my Lord Treasurer, mention'd in the minutes of the 8th instant, was read; and their lordships thereupon taking into consideration their petition, gave directions for preparing an answer to the Lord Treasurer thereupon.

*Answer to Lord High
Treasurer thereupon.*

June 15. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Foley.

*Trade.
Mr. Robert Meers.
Order of House of
Commons.*

Mr. Robert Meers attending [fo. 371], as directed the 12th instant, and the Order of the House of Commons of the 10th instant, directing this Board to lay before them a copy of the said Meers's memorial, being communicated to him, and he thereupon asked if he deliver'd to the Board any such memorial, he said that he had not.

*Representation about
general state of trade in
1697, copy'd for the
House of Lords.*

The representation of this Board of the 23rd December, 1697, relating to the general state of the trade of this kingdom, in which are some articles relating to the trade with France, having been copy'd, pursuant to the Order of the House of Lords, mention'd in the minutes of the 11th instant, my Lord Guilford was desired to present the same to their lordships, which he promised to do accordingly.

*New England.
Letter to Lord High
Treasurer.
Settling disbanded
soldiers.*

A letter to my Lord Treasurer, upon the petition of several disbanded officers and soldiers [fo. 371, 374], mentioned in the minutes of the 12th instant, was agreed and order'd to be transcribed.

June 16. Present:—Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley, Sir John Hynde Cotton.

*Trade.
Report to House of
Commons.
Memorial from Meers
and other papers
about trade with
France.*

The draught of a report, in answer to the Order of the House of Commons of the 10th instant [fo. 372, 374] (mention'd in yesterday's minutes), requiring the memorial of Robert Meers, and all memorials, petitions, representations, schemes &c., relating to the trade of England and France, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

*Extract of minutes of
the Committee for
Trade.*

Then an extract of the minutes of the Lords of the Council, appointed a Committee for Trade and Plantations, from March, 1675, to July, 1676, relating to the trade with France [fo. 370, 374], which is to be laid before the House of Commons with the foresaid

report, was read, the same being entred in the Journal of the said Committee, *volume 1, page 84, 85, 88, 92, 93, 116, 145, 164, 165.*

June 17. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley, Sir John Hynde Cotton.

The draught of a report, in answer to the Order of the House of Commons of the 10th instant, requiring the memorial of Robert Meers [*fo. 373*], and all memorials, petitions, representations and schemes &c., relating to the trade of England and France, agreed at the last meeting, was sign'd.

A letter from Mr. Hare [*fo. 375*], secretary to the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, dated yesterday, referring to the Board a letter from Mr. Drummond, of the 23rd June, 1713, n.s., with abstracts of the tariffs made at Brussels the 18th of July, 1670, and the 21st of December, 1680, and several orders and regulations belonging thereto, was read; whereupon directions were given for preparing an answer to his lordship.

A letter to the Lord High Treasurer, upon the petition of several disbanded officers and soldiers [*fo. 372, 387*], praying a grant of land between New England and Nova Scotia &c., as agreed the 15th instant, was signed.

June 18. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Foley, Sir John Hynde Cotton.

A letter to the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, upon Mr. Hare's of the 16th instant [*fo. 374*], referring to the Board, by his lordship's order, a letter from Mr. Drummond, of the 23rd of June, 1713, n.s., &c., as directed yesterday, was sign'd.

A certificate of Mr. Eden's having given security in the office of her Majesty's Remembrancer of her Exchequer [*fo. 362*], for the due execution of his office of Governor of North Carolina, was read; whereupon a letter to the Earl of Dartmouth, transmitting to his lordship a draught of instructions for her Majesty's royal signature to the Lords Proprietors of Carolina, relating to the Acts of Trade and Navigation, which are to be observ'd by the said Eden, was signed.

June 19. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton.

Their lordships signed two debentures, number'd 465 and 468, for sufferers at Nevis.

Then Mr. John Travers and Mr. Samuel Travers attending, and their letters of attorney and other powers from several of the sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's being examin'd at the Board, the fourteen debentures, which are number'd as follows, were upon their joint receipts deliver'd to them, vizt.:

447	452	459	465
448	453	460	468
450	454	463	
451	457	464	

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Trade.

Report to the House of Commons.

Letter from Mr. Hare. Papers from Mr. Drummond. Flanders.

Answer.

New England. Letter to Lord Treasurer. Petition of disbanded soldiers. Grant of lands.

Trade.

Letter to Lord Bolingbroke.

Mr. Drummond's papers.

Carolina.

Certificate of Mr. Eden's security. Letter to Earl of Dartmouth.

Instructions for trade.

Leeward Islands. Debentures sign'd.

Mr. Travers. Debentures deliver'd

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Trade.

*Letter from Lord
Bolingbroke.
Address from House
of Lords.*

*Rule of comerce
with France besides
the tarif of 1664.*

*Answer to the House
by Lord Guilford.*

Plantations General.

*Letter from Mr.
Harley.
Chappel furniture.
Letter to the Lord
Treasurer.*

Plantations General.

*Letter to Lord
Treasurer.
Chappel furniture.*

New England.

*Letter from Mr.
Harley.
Representation of
Post Master.
Bills of Credit.
Mr. Hamilton and
Mr. Dummer
summond.*

Trade.

*Order of House of
Lords.
Trade to Africa.*

June 22. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley, Sir John H. Cotton.

A letter from the Lord Bolingbroke, of the 3rd instant, was read, signifying that her Majesty, having receiv'd an address from the House of Lords : "That her Majesty will be pleased to order the proper officer to lay before this House the rule mention'd in the 9th article of the Treaty of Commerce with France, for payment of any duties in any provinces not particularly mentiond in the tarif of 1664," had commanded him to acquaint this Board with her pleasure that they do, as soon as conveniently may be, lay before the House of Lords the said rule. Whereupon [*fo.* 383] the Lord Guilford was desired to acquaint the House that those provinces are called les Provinces Etrangeres, and not being particularly mention'd in the said tarif of 1664, suffer'd no alteration by it, but depend upon so many different tariffs made before that time, that it is impossible to prepare so particular an account of the several duties in the said provinces as is necessary to lay before their lordships before the end of the Sessions, but that care is taken for preparing the same as soon as may be.

A letter from Mr. Harley, of the 17th instant [*vide infra*], signifying the Lord High Treasurer's desire to be inform'd by the Board, what care is taken about preserving the chappel furniture in the several governments where any is allow'd by her Majesty, particularly in Bermuda, was read; and a letter to his lordship, in answer thereto, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

June 23. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley.

A letter to the Lord High Treasurer, in answer to Mr. Harley's of the 17th instant [*vide supra*], relating to chappel furniture in the plantations, was sign'd.

A letter from Mr. Harley, of the 16th of May, with a representation of the Post Master General to the Lord High Treasurer [*fo.* 359], relating to the loss which the revenue of postage will be subject to in New England by the currency of Bills of Credit there, as mention'd in the minutes of the 1st instant, was again read; whereupon ordered [*fo.* 382] that Mr. Hamilton, who has the management of the posts on the Continent of America, and Mr. Dummer, agent of the province of the Massachusetts Bay, be desired to attend the Board to-morrow morning, and that the Acts of that province, relating to this affair, be look'd out, and laid before their lordships at the same time.

June 24. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley.

An Order of the House of Lords, dated yesterday, requiring such addresses as have been made from the plantations, and the reports of this Board, relating to the trade to Africa, to be laid before their lordships, was read; whereupon the said addresses and reports being look'd out, were deliver'd to the Lord Guilford, with a list thereof, and his lordship was desired to lay them before

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the House, which he promised to do accordingly: the list is as follows, vizt.:

1707. February 3rd. Letter to the Earl of Sunderland, with a representation upon the petition of the Royal African Company.—*Trade E.*, fo. 115.

170⁸₉. January 27th. Answer to an Order of the House of Commons, dated the 20th of January, 170⁸₉, requiring a state of the African trade.—*Ibidem*, fo. 275.

1709. December 19th. Answer to an Order of the House of Commons, relating to the trade to Africa.—*Trade F.*, fo. 7.

17¹⁰₁₁. February 1st. Letter to the Duke of Queensberry, with a representation relating to the trade to Africa.—*Ibidem*, fo. 441.

1711. July 27th. Letter to Mr. Secretary St. John, inclosing a representation relating to the securing the settlements on the coast of Africa.—*Trade G.*, fo. 225.

17¹¹₁₂. March 15th. Representation relating to the settlement of the trade to Africa.

1710. December the 10th. Copy of the petition of several planters, inhabitants of Barbadoes, praying that the trade to Africa may be preserv'd &c.—*Barbadoes, Bun. R.* 94.

17¹⁰₁₁. January the 5th. Letter from Mr. Harris, inclosing the copy of a petition from the planters, merchants and inhabitants at Jamaica to the House of Commons, relating to the trade to Africa.—*Trade, M.* 5.

Extract of a letter from Major-General Handasyd, Governor of Jamaica, to the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, dated the 2nd June, 1711.—*Jamaica, M.* 56.

1711. September the 12th. Address from the Governor, Council and Assembly of Jamaica to her Majesty, relating to the benefit of an open and free trade to Africa &c.—*M.* 57.

Some considerations from the Council and Assembly of Jamaica, in relation to the Royal African Company's obtaining an exclusive trade to Africa.—*M.* 58.

June 25. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley, Sir John Hynd Cotton.

A letter from Mr. Jeronimy Clifford to the secretary, with his petition to this Board and attested copies of the deeds of his purchase of two parcels of land in Jamaica, now pretended to be escheated, were read; and thereupon ordered [fo. 385] that Mr. Clifford be desired to inform the Board of the title of the Act mention'd in his petition, and when it pass'd, as likewise the name and habitation of the person who he says is a considerable planter, and lately arrived from Jamaica, that their lordships may confer with him thereupon.

Mr. John Hamilton, agent for the posts on the Continent of America, and Mr. Dummer, agent for the Massachusetts Bay, attending [fo. 379] as they had been desired, the representation of the Post Master General to my Lord Treasurer, mention'd in the minutes of the 1st June, was again read; whereupon Mr. Hamilton said that, in the begining of November last, an Act was pass'd in

Jamaica.

Letter from Mr. Clifford. His petition about lands escheated in that island. Letter to him.

New England.

Mr. Hamilton, agent of the posts, and Mr. Dummer.

Act about Bills of Credit passing as specie.

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the Massachusetts Bay, injoining the currency of paper bills, as specie, throughout that province; that if the postage of letters (which by the Act lately pass'd here is to be paid in sterling) be paid there in those bills, it will be a great loss to that branch of the revenue, those bills having no fund for making them good.

Mr. Dummer own'd that there was no fund, but that those bills have pass'd in that province on the credit of the country for above these twenty years, by virtue of Acts made from time to time for that purpose; that they are as good as specie there, some of them being made for so small a sum as eighteen pence; and that the reason for making the said bills was, that most of the money in that province is every year sent to England.

These gentlemen being withdrawn, and their lordships inquiring for the said Act, the secretary acquainted the Board that it had not been yet received; whereupon their lordships gave directions [fo. 384] for preparing a letter to my Lord Treasurer upon the fore-mention'd representation of the Post Master General.

*Letter to the Lord
High Treasurer.*

Trade.

*Rules of trade in
France in 1664
besides the tariff.
House of Lords.*

New England.

*Letter to Lord
Treasurer.
Damage to the Post
Office by Bills of
Credit.*

June 26. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley, Sir John H. Cotton.

The Lord Guilford acquainted the Board that he had yesterday represented to the House of Lords what the Board had desired him the 22nd instant [fo. 377], relating to the rule for the provinces in France not mention'd in the tariff of 1664.

A letter to the Lord High Treasurer, upon the representation of the Posts Masters' General, inclosed in Mr. Harley's letter of the 16th of May, and mention'd in yesterday's minutes [fo. 383], relating to the difficulty which the post officers in New England are under, by reason of an Act lately pass'd in the Massachusetts Bay for the currency of Bills of Credit as specie, was sign'd.

June 29. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir John H. Cotton.

A letter from Sir Christopher Musgrave, one of the clerks of the Privy Council, of the 27th instant, signifying the desire of the Lords of the Committee of Council that this Board do make their report what accounts they have received relating to the raging of the plague abroad, the said Committee being to consider of the quarantine of ships coming from the Baltick, was read; whereupon an answer from the secretary was immediately drawn up, approv'd, and sent.

A letter from Mr. Jeronimy Clifford, dated the 26th, in answer to the secretary's letter to him of the 25th instant [fo. 382], upon his petition relating to land said to be escheated in Jamaica, was read; whereupon ordered that Mr. Joseph Hodges [fo. 386], named by Mr. Clifford as a person acquainted in this affair, be desir'd to attend the Board on Thursday morning next.

Trade.
*Letter from Sir
Christopher Musgrave.*

*Plague abroad.
Quarantine.
Answer.*

Jamaica.

*Letter from Mr.
Clifford.
Escheated land.
Mr. Hodges summon'd.*

June 30. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley.

A memorial from Mr. Thurston, agent for the Lord Archibald Hamilton, Governor of Jamaica, praying the Board's consideration of several laws of that island, a list of escheats there, and other matters, which his lordship's letters refer to, was read; and their

Jamaica.
*Memorial from Mr.
Thurston.*

lordships resolved to take the same into consideration at the first opportunity.

July 2. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton.

Mr. Joseph Hodges attending, as he had been desired the 29th past [*fo.* 385], the petition of Mr. Jeronimy Clifford, relating to the lands claim'd by him in Jamaica, mention'd in the minutes of the 25th ditto, was again read; and Mr. Hodges being ask'd several questions thereupon, he said that Mr. Clifford misunderstood what he had said to him, for that there was no law in Jamaica whereby the uncultivated lands of persons that shall be absent some years from that island may be escheated; that there is a law indeed which escheats the lands of persons dying without heirs; that he knows the lands claim'd by Mr. Clifford, and particularly those that go by the name of Brant's Land: he thinks he has heard those lands have been escheated, but for what reason he does not remember, nor is he sure that it is so; their lordships thereupon desired him that, when he return'd to Jamaica, he would do Mr. Clifford all the friendly offices he cou'd, in order to the securing the said lands to him, which he promised to do accordingly.

A letter from Mr. Lowndes, of the 30th of the last month, referring to the Board, by order of my Lord Treasurer, a proposal of the disbanded officers and soldiers [*fo.* 374, 394], relating to a settlement to be made by them between the Rivers St. Croix and Sagadahoc in North America, was read, and their lordships agreed to take the same into consideration on Monday morning next.

July 6. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of the 2nd instant, inclosing the copy of one from Mr. Drumond of the 4th of July, n.s. [*fo.* 367, 395], upon what the Board writ his lordship the 10th of June, relating to a new regulation of commerce in Flanders, for what their lordships may have to offer thereupon, was read; and directions given for preparing an answer thereto.

A letter to the secretary from Mr. Addington, secretary of the Massachusetts Bay, dated the 21 of December, 1711, was read, and the following papers therewith transmitted were laid before the Board, vizt.:

Account of ordnance, ammunition and other stores of war in the several forts in New England, with their expenditure.
List of causes in the several inferior Courts of the Massachusetts Bay in 1711.

Two Acts past in October, 1710.

Acts past in the Massachusetts Bay in May, 1711.

An Act for further inforcing and enlarging the Act, or Order of the Court past at their Sessions in May last, against inticing, harbouring, concealing or conveying any of the soldiers, marines or sailors of her Majesty's land or sea forces from the kingdom of Great Britain, or of those raised within this province, for the service of the present expedition

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Jamaica.
*Mr. Hodges about
Clifford's petition.
Escheats.*

New England.
*Letter from Mr.
Lownd's. Proposal
for settlement of dis-
banded officers and
soldiers.*

Trade.
*Flanders.
Letter from the Lord
Bolingbroke.
Regulation of
commerce.*

New England.
*Letter from Mr.
Secretary Addington.*

*Papers therein
referred to.*

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now on foot, and for a more speedy prosecution of offenders, pass'd in July, 1711.

Acts past in the Massachusetts Bay in October, 1711.

Minutes of the Council of the Massachusetts Bay, from the 13th February, 1709, to the 30th June, 1710.

Minutes of the Council of the Massachusetts Bay, from the 1st July to the 10th November, 1710.

Minutes of Council of the Massachusetts Bay, from the 11th November, 1710, to the 24th February, 1711.

Minutes of Council in Assembly, from the 31 May, 1710, to the 22nd August following.

Minutes of Council in Assembly of the Massachusetts Bay, from the 14th March, 1711, to the 26th April, 1711.

Minutes of the Council in Assembly of the Massachusetts Bay, from the 30th May, 1711, to the 14th June following.

Minutes of Council in Assembly of the Massachusetts Bay, from the 30th May, 1711, to the 5th July following.

Minutes of the Assembly of the Massachusetts Bay, from the 31 May, 1710, to the 19th July following.

Minutes of the Council of New Hampshire, from the 9th May, 1711, to the 30th October, 1711.

Acts past at an Assembly in New Hampshire in May and October, 1711.

The Treasurer of New Hampshire's account of her Majesty's revenue there for 1710 and 1711.

Several proclamations issued by Colonel Dudley, relating to the late expedition to Canada.

A letter from Colonel Dudley, Governor of New England, dated the 8th of April, 1712, returning answers to several clauses in his instructions, was read; and the publick proceedings therewith transmitted were laid before the Board, vizt.:

Book containing the laws of the Massachusetts Bay, from 1692 to 1712.

Account of the civil and military officers in New England, Courts of Justice, Table of Fees, summary of the last year's accounts of the Treasury, number of the militia, and number of inhabitants.

Two letters from Colonel Dudley, Governor of New England, both dated the 29th of October, 1712, one to the Board, the other to the secretary, was read.

The letters from Colonel Dudley, Governor of New England, dated the 2nd December, 1712, to the Board, and the 9th of December, 1712, to the secretary, were read; and the papers transmitted with the last-mention'd letter were laid before their lordships, and are as follow, vizt.:

An account of the officers, civil and military, in the Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire, the Courts of Justice, Table of Fees, summary of the last year's (vizt., 1712) accounts of the Treasury, number of the militia and of persons within the said province.

Minutes of Council in New Hampshire, from the 10th of January, 1712, to the 13 of November following.

New England.
Letter from the Governor.

Papers of publick proceedings.

New England.
Four letters from the Governor to the Board and secretary.

Papers referr'd to.

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Minutes of Council and General Assembly in New Hampshire, from the 5th of May, 1712, to the 15th of October following. Three Acts pass'd in New Hampshire in October, 1712, with the seal of the province, affix'd and certify'd to be true copies by Charles Story, secretary.

A letter to the secretary from Mr. Addington, secretary of the Massachusetts Bay, dated the 19th of December, 1712, was likewise read; and the papers of publick proceedings therewith transmitted were laid before the Board, according to the following list thereof, vizt.:

Massachusetts Bay.
Letter from Mr. Addington to the secretary.

List of causes in the inferior Courts of Barnstable and Bristol in 1712.

Papers refer'd to

Account of ordnance, amunition, and other stores of war in the several forts of New England, with their expenditure, for the year 1712.

Four Acts pass'd in the Massachusetts Bay, at a Session of Assembly begun the 22nd of October, 1712.

Two proclamations issued by Colonel Dudley in October and November, 1712, one for a General Thanksgiving, t'other for the better execution and more strict observance of the Act for ascertaining the rates and value of foreign coins within her Majesty's plantations in America.

Minutes of Council in the Massachusetts Bay, from February 26, 1710, to the 31 July, 1711.

Minutes of Council in the Massachusetts Bay, from the 2nd of August to the 8th of December, 1711.

Minutes of Council in the Massachusetts Bay, from the 12th of December, 1711, to the 21st March following.

Minutes of Council in the Massachusetts Bay, from the 26th of March to the 10th of June, 1712.

Minutes of Council in Assembly of the Massachusetts Bay, from the 17th of October, to the 10th of November, 1711.

Minutes of Council in Assembly of the Massachusetts Bay, from the 12th of March to the 14th June, 1712.

Acts pass'd at a General Assembly of the Massachusetts Bay, in May, 1712.

Then the draught of an answer to the said several letters from New England [*fo.* 395] being consider'd, the same was agreed and ordered to be transcrib'd.

Answers prepar'd.

Mr. Joseph Martin attending, and his letters of attorney and other powers from Philip Dewit, Margaret Rogerson, and Martin Madan, who were sufferers at Nevis, being examind at the Board, the debentures number'd 141 and 244 were deliver'd to the said Mr. Martyn.

Nevis.
Debentures deliver'd to Mr. Martin.

Several disbanded officers and soldiers attending [*fo.* 387, 396], their proposal, referr'd to the Board by Mr. Lowndes's letter of the 30th of the last month, and mention'd in the minutes of the 2nd instant, were again read; and these people were acquainted that when her Majesty sent over the Palatines to New York, they enter'd into an engagement to her Majesty to reimburse her Majesty the charges she should be at for their settlement; and being thereupon ask'd if they had any proposal to make of that nature, in case

New England.
Disbanded officers and soldiers touching their proposal about a settlement.

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her Majesty should be at the charge of transporting them to Nova Scotia, they said that they had not. Then their lordships, taking notice that their demands of pay &c. for three years were much too high, they said that they were willing to go for one year's pay; whereupon they were directed to consider further on that matter, and to bring their lordships their last proposal thereupon on Thursday morning next.

July 8. Present:—Lord Guilford, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley.

New England.
Letter to the Governor.

A letter to Colonel Dudley, Governor of the Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire [fo. 393], agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

Trade.
Letter to the Lord Bolingbroke.
Regulation of commerce in Flanders.

A letter to the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, in answer to his lordship's of the 2nd instant, with Mr. Drummond's of the 4th July, 1713, n.s. [fo. 387, 440], relating to a new regulation of commerce in Flanders, as directed in the last minutes, was signed.

July 9. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley.

St. Christopher's.
Order on Address from the Council and Assembly, and petition of Mr. Duport, praying shares of the French part of St. Christopher's.

An Order of Council, of the 24th June, 1713 [Q. fo. 193], referring to the consideration of the Board an Address from the Council and Assembly of St. Christopher's to her Majesty, in behalf of themselves and the inhabitants thereof; as also the petition of their agent, Mr. Stephen Duport, praying that the poor inhabitants there may have shares given them of the French part of that island, gratis, which is to be vested in her Majesty by the late Treaty of Peace, was read; and Mr. Duport being call'd in, acquainted the Board that the French part contain'd about thirty thousand acres good and bad land. Their lordships then desir'd him to give them a particular account thereof, with his thoughts in writing upon the whole matter, which he promis'd to do accordingly.

New England.
Mr. Dummer and disbanded soldiers in relation to their proposal for a settlement.

Mr. Dummer, agent for New England, and several disbanded officers and soldiers attending [fo. 394, 397] (as directed in the minutes of the 6th instant), in relation to their proposal for a settlement upon her Majesty's waste lands in North America, they said they were unwilling to go to Nova Scotia, and still desir'd that their settlement might be on the lands between the Rivers St. Croix and Sagadahoc; that if her Majesty will allow them two years' pay, with their transportation, and tools necessary to cultivate the land, they were willing to engage themselves to repay her Majesty the last of the said two years' pay in seven years, but that they could not engage to do it sooner; whereupon they were directed to draw up what they had now offer'd, and what they might have further to propose, in writing, and lay it before their lordships to-morrow morning, which they promis'd to do accordingly.

Nevis.
Debenture deliver'd to Mr. Ball.

Mr. Samuel Ball attending, and his power of attorney from Mr. Thomas Minor, sufferer at Nevis, being examin'd at the Board, the debenture number'd 594 was sign'd and deliver'd to the said Mr. Ball.

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July 10. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley.

Several disbanded officers and soldiers, who were yesterday at the Board [*fo.* 396], attending again, presented to their lordships a memorial, containing the last proposals they had to offer for making a settlement between the River St. Croix and Sagadehock in North America, which was read; and being ask'd by the Board, whether the several sums in the account annex'd to their said memorial were the lowest to which the same might be reduced, they said they were, and that they could not go under; whereupon their lordships gave directions for preparing a letter to the Lord High Treasurer on this subject [*fo.* 398], referr'd to them by Mr. Lowndes's letter, mentioned in the minutes of the 2nd instant.

New England.
Disbanded soldiers' further memorial in relation to their settlement.

July 13. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley.

A letter to the Lord High Treasurer, upon the memorial of several disbanded officers and soldiers [*fo.* 397; *Q. fo.* 1], with their last proposals for making a settlement between the River St. Croix and Sagadehoc in North America (mention'd in the minutes of the 10th instant), was sign'd.

New England.
Letter to the Lord Treasurer on disbanded officers' memorial.

A letter from Mr. Lloyd, President of the Council of Maryland, dated January the 25th, 1711-12, was read; and the papers referr'd to therein laid before the Board, and are as follow, vizt.:

Maryland.
Letter from the President of the Council.
Papers referr'd to.

Minutes of Council in Assembly of Maryland, from 23rd October to the 3rd November, 1711.

Minutes of the Assembly of Maryland, from the 23rd October, 1711, to the 3rd November following.

Journal of the Committee of Accounts in October, 1711.

Another letter from Mr. Lloyd, President of the Council of Maryland, dated the 15th of July, 1712, was likewise read, and the several papers therewith transmitted, were laid before the Board, and are as follow, vizt.:

Second letter from him.

A compleat list of men, women, children and negro slaves in the province of Maryland, with the number of white men fit to bear arms.

Papers referr'd to.

An account of the several Courts in Maryland.

Table of Fees of the several officers in Maryland.

A third letter from Mr. Lloyd, President of the Council of Maryland, dated November 20th, 1712, was also read, and the papers therein referr'd to laid before the Board, and are as follow, vizt.:

Third letter from him.

Letter from Mr. Lloyd, President of the Council of Maryland, to the Earl of Dartmouth, dated the 20th of November, 1712.

Papers referr'd to.

Copy of an Address from the President, Council and Assembly of Maryland to her Majesty.

Journal of the Council of Maryland in Assembly, from the 28th of October to the 15th of November, 1712.

Journal of the House of Delegates, from the 28th October, 1712, to the 15th of November following.

Journal of the Committee of Accounts, from the 29th of October to the 11th of November, 1712.

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Account of arms &c. in the province of Maryland, between February, 1708, and September, 1710.

Twenty-six Acts passed in Maryland the 15th of November, 1712.

Fourth letter from the President.

A fourth letter from the President and Council of Maryland to the Board, dated the 16th of April, 1713, relating to the miserable condition of that province, by reason of their debts, the high duties on tobacco, and the inhabitants' want of cloathing, which they are now forced to begin making there, was read.

Answers prepar'd.

Whereupon the draught of an answer to the several foregoing letters being laid before the Board, their lordships agreed to the same, and ordered it to be transcrib'd.

Jamaica.
Mr. Thurston and Mr. Rigby summon'd.

Their lordships then gave directions [*fo.* 408] that Mr. Thurston, the Lord Archibald Hamilton's agent, and Mr. Rigby, deputy secretary of Jamaica, have notice to come to the Board on Wednesday morning next, at ten of the clock.

July 14. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley.

Leeward Islands.
Letters from Sir John St. Leger, with publick papers.

A letter from Sir John St. Leger to the secretary, dated the 25th of July, 1712, was read; and the several publick papers relating to the government of the Leeward Islands, therewith sent, were laid before the House, and are as follow, vizt.:

Address of the Lieutenant General of the Leeward Islands and the Lieutenant Governor and Council of Antegoa to Major Douglas, congratulating his accession to the Government.

Copy of an Address from the Lieutenant General of the Leeward Islands and the Council and Assembly of Nevis to her Majesty, upon her Majesty's bounty to the sufferers of that island by the French invasion, and sending of Colonel Douglas to be their Captain General &c.

Address from the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly of St. Christopher's to her Majesty, upon the Act for the relief of the sufferers of that island by the French, and in favour of Colonel Douglas.

Address from the Assembly of Nevis to Colonel Douglas, setting forth their innocence in relation to the murder of Colonel Parke, desiring the re-establishment of a Committee to inspect the publick stores, and promising to pass several laws for the good of the island.

Proclamation by Major Douglas, publishing her Majesty's pardon to the murtherers of Colonel Parke, and forbidding all reflections &c. thereupon.

Petition of the merchants of Antegoa to Colonel Douglas for a new Act of Courts.

Copy of a proclamation by Colonel Douglas, for a general fast in all the Leeward Islands, occasion'd by the murder of Colonel Parke, and the islands' being expos'd to the insults of the common enemy.

Copy of Major Douglas's order for suspending Lieutenant General Hamilton from his place of Lieutenant General of the Leeward Islands.

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Account of stores of war wanting in the Island of St. Christopher's.

Copy of a summons to all the officers of St. Christopher's to make a return of fines, amerciaments &c. to the Captain General in Council.

An Act for the better government of negro's and other slaves on the Island of St. Christopher's.

Minutes of Council at Nevis, from the 1st of March, 1711, to the 30th of November following.

Minutes of Council at Montserrat, from the 27th of March, 1711, to the 29th December following.

Another letter from Sir John St. Leger to the secretary, dated August the 23rd, 1712, was read; and the following papers of publick proceedings in the Leeward Islands, sent therewith, were laid before the Board, vizt.:

The Collector's account of ships arriv'd at Antegoa, from 1st February, 1711, to 1st May, 1712.

The Collector's account of ships clear'd at Antegoa, from 1st of May, 1711, to 1st May, 1712.

Account of the number of negro's imported to Antegoa, from 1st May, 1711, to 1st May, 1712.

Account of powder belonging to the publick of Antegoa, receiv'd by John Brett to the 29th of April, 1712.

Account current of the stores belonging to the publick of Antegoa, to the 29th April, 1712, receiv'd from John Brett the 27th May following.

Account of powder belonging to the publick of Antegoa, receiv'd by John Brett, to the 22nd of August, 1711.

Account current of stores belonging to the publick of Antegoa, receiv'd from John Brett, the 22nd of August, 1711.

Account of stores deliver'd out of the magazine of Antegoa by John Brett, to the 11th of March, 1711.

Account of stores deliver'd out of the magazine of Antegoa by John Brett, to the 22nd of August, 1711.

Naval officer's account of what vessels have sail'd and given bond in this island, from the 25th June, 1711, to 25th September following.

Naval officer's account of such vessels as produced certificates, from 25th June, 1711, to the 25th September following.

Proceedings of the Court of Chancery in Antegoa, from 14th January, 1711-12, to the 2nd of June following.

Proceedings of the Court of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas in Antegoa for the year 1712.

Answer to several articles of Major Douglas's instructions.

The following publick papers were likewise brought to their lordships by Sir John St. Leger, which were this day laid before the Board, vizt.:

Minutes of the Council and Assembly at Antegoa, from the 18th to the 26th of July, 1712.

Abstract of exports and imports to and from Antegoa, from the 1st May to the 1st of August, 1712.

Proceedings of the Court of Chancery in Antegoa, from 17th January, 1711-12, to the 2nd of June following.

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Naval officer's account of what vessels have sail'd and given bond in Antegoa, from the 25th September, 1711, to the 25th June, 1712.

The Deputy-Collector's account of vessels enter'd at Antegoa, from the 1st of May, 1712, to the 1st of August following.

The Deputy-Collector's accounts of the ladings of what vessels were clear'd in the several harbours of Antegoa, from the 1st of May, 1712, to the 1st of August following.

*Letter from the
Governor &c.*

A letter from Major Douglas, Governor of the Leeward Islands, and from the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Speaker of the Assembly of Antegoa, dated October the 10th, 1712, relating to the conduct of two captains of ships of war, upon an invasion from the enemy, and praying two more of her Majesty's ships for their security, was read ; as also the copy of a letter from the abovesaid Governor, Council and Speaker of the Assembly of Antegoa, to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, complaining of the conduct of Captain Hamilton and Captain Constable, commanders of her Majesty's ships of war, when the Leeward Islands were invaded by the French.

*Second letter from
the Governor.*

Another letter from Major Douglas, Governor of the Leeward Islands, relating to the complaints against him, dated at Antegoa, November the 1st, 1712, was read.

*Third letter from
him.*

A third letter from Major Douglas, Governor of the Leeward Islands, dated the 30th of March, 1713, relating to Monsieur Cassart's expedition against Curaçoa, and his own appointing a Court of Exchequer, with the effect of it, and desire of further directions thereupon, was read.

Barbadoes.

*Letter from the
Governor.*

A letter from Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, dated the 20th of December, 1711, was read ; whereupon order'd [fo. 245, 409] that copies of paragraphs C and D of the said letter, relating to proceedings against Mr. Skene, secretary of that island, about her Majesty's share of prizes, which the said Skene is to account for, &c., be sent to Mr. Attorney General [fo. 418], with the following query, for his opinion thereupon, vizt. :

*Extracts thereof, and
a query sent the
Attorney General.*

Q. "Whether an appeal can or ought to be brought from the Court of Exchequer in Barbadoes to the Governor and Council there, as a Court of Chancery ?"

Maryland.

*Letter to the
President.*

A letter to Mr. Lloyd, President of the Council of Maryland, order'd yesterday to be transcrib'd, was sign'd.

St. Christopher's.
*Memorial from Mr.
Duport.*

*Re-settlement of that
island.*

A memorial from Mr. Duport, agent for St. Christopher's (as desir'd by their lordships the 9th instant), relating to the re-settlement of that island, together with the copy of another memorial &c. on the same subject, were read ; and their lordships agreed to take the same into consideration on Tuesday morning next.

July 15. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley.

A letter from Colonel Hunter, Governor of New York, to the secretary, dated the 11th of May, 1713, was read, as also the paper therewith transmitted, vizt. :

New York.
*Letter from the
Governor.*

Paper referr'd to.

Printed address of the Grand Jury of New York to Colonel Hunter, 5th May, 1713, with two other printed papers

relating to the struggle between him and the Assembly of that province.

Whereupon their lordships gave directions for preparing an answer thereunto.

Circular letters, transmitting copies of the Treaties of Peace and Commerce, as also of the Assiento Contract, to the respective Governors of all her Majesty's islands and plantations, as also to the Propriety-Governors on the Continent of America, were signed.

Richard Rigby, esquire, deputy-secretary of Jamaica, attending [*fo.* 400, 430] (as desir'd the 13th instant), in relation to *An Act* pass'd there, *to prevent any one person from holding two or more offices of profit in that island*, and after having given their lordships an account of what he had to say against the said Act; he was desir'd to put the same in writing, and wait on the Board again next Friday morning; and being withdrawn, their lordships gave the secretary directions to write to Colonel Long, Mr. Aylmer, Mr. Parrott, Mr. Moor, Colonel Thompson, Mr. Kent, Mr. Beckford, Mr. March and Colonel Laws, Jamaica merchants and planters, for what they may have to offer thereupon on Friday next, at which time their lordships intend to consider the said Act.

Ordered that the secretary do further desire the fore-mentioned merchants to inform the Board what they know of any relations or heirs of Williamina Kupius, of Jamaica, deceas'd.

Mr. John Travers and Mr. Samuel Travers attending, and their powers of attorney being examin'd at the Board, the two debentures numbered 458 and 466, in the names of Sarah Evant and Thomas Powell, who were sufferers at Nevis, were deliver'd to the said Mr. John and Samuel Travers.

July 16. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley.

A letter from Mr. Skene, secretary of Barbadoes [*fo.* 406], to the secretary of this Board, dated the 5th May, 1713, relating to his ill treatment by Mr. Lowther, Governor of that island, upon the said Skene's producing her Majesty's order for restoring him to his places there, &c., as also the copy of a summons from Mr. Lowther, requiring Mr. Skene's attendance in Council, to answer for his petition to her Majesty, and what he had done at this Board, during his stay here; and Mr. Skene's case, both referr'd to in the fore-mentioned letter, were read; whereupon their lordships agreed upon a clause to be added to the letter preparing to Mr. Lowther, relating to his undue proceedings in this affair.

Mr. Attorney General's opinion upon some queries sent him the 28th of April, 1713 [*fo.* 340], in relation to grants of lands and quit rents at New York, was read; and directions given for preparing a copy thereof to be transmitted to Colonel Hunter.

The draught of a letter to Colonel Hunter, Governor of New York, directed yesterday to be prepared, was taken into consideration, agreed and order'd to be transcribed.

July 17. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley.

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Answer to be prepar'd.

Plantations General Proprieties.

Circular letter to the Governors, with Treaties of Peace, &c., and Assiento Contract.

Jamaica.

Mr. Rigby about an Act.

Merchants summon'd thereupon.

Leeward Islands.

Mr. Travers. Debentures deliver'd.

Barbadoes.

Letter &c. from Mr. Skene, relating to his ill-treatment by the Governor.

Clause added to Mr. Lowther's letter thereupon.

New York.

Mr. Attorney General's opinion on queries about grants of land and quit-rents.

Letter to the Governor.

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Jamaica.

*Attorney General's
report.
Act about quieting
possessions.*

*Letter from Lord
Archibald Hamilton.*

*Papers therein
referr'd to.*

*Second letter from
him.*

*Papers therein
referr'd to.*

*Third letter from Lord
Archibald Hamilton.*

*Papers therein
referr'd to.*

*Fourth letter from
him.*

Papers with it.

A report from the Attorney General upon an Act pass'd in Jamaica the 31st of July, 1711 [*fo. 255*], entituled *An Act for the further quieting possessions and preventing vexatious suits at law*, was read; whereupon their lordships ordered that a copy thereof be prepared and sent to the Lord Archibald Hamilton.

A letter from the Lord Archibald Hamilton, Governor of Jamaica, to the Board, dated the 19th of January, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$, was read, and the papers therewith transmitted laid before the Board, and are as follow, vizt. :

Minutes of the Council of Jamaica, from the 7th November, 1710, to the 8th of January, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Minutes of Council in Assembly at Jamaica, from the 23rd July, 1711, to the 3rd of November following.

Minutes of the Assembly of Jamaica, from the 9th of October, 1711, to the 3rd November following.

Naval officer's list of ships, enter'd and clear'd in Jamaica, from the 25th of March, 1709, to the 29th of September, 1711.

A second letter from the Lord Archibald Hamilton, Governor of Jamaica, to the Board, dated the 8th of March, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$, was read, and the papers therein referr'd to laid before the Board, vizt. :

List of the patent officers in Jamaica.

Two Acts past in Jamaica about quieting possessions, and to prevent hawking &c.

A third letter from the Lord Archibald Hamilton, Governor of Jamaica, to the Board, dated the 15th of May, 1712, was read, and the following papers referr'd to therein were laid before the Board, vizt. :

Account of the stores &c. in the several forts and fortifications in Jamaica.

The state of Mr. David Creagh's case relating to his having traded with her Majesty's enemies &c.

Captain Francis Hawkins's representation concerning the fortifications in Jamaica, 12th January, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Naval officer's list of ships enter'd and clear'd in Jamaica, from the 29th of September, 1711, to the 25th of March, 1712.

A fourth letter from the Lord Archibald Hamilton, Governor of Jamaica, to the Board, dated the 10th, and a postscript the 18th of October, 1712, was read, transmitting several publick papers, which were laid before the Board, vizt. :

Her Majesty's accounts of fortifications, from the 25th March, 1711, to the 29th September, 1711.

Her Majesty's account of fortifications, from the 29th September, 1711, to the 25th March, 1712.

Her Majesty's account currant, from the 25th of March, 1711, to the 29th September following.

Her Majesty's account current, from 29th September, 1711, to the 25th March, 1712, with a list of outstanding debts thereupon.

Her Majesty's account of impost, from the 25th March, 1711, to the 29th September following.

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Her Majesty's account of impost, from the 29th September, 1711, to the 25th March, 1712.

Her Majesty's account of quit rents &c., of fines, forfeitures and escheats, from the 25th March, 1711, to the 29th September following.

Her Majesty's accounts of fines, forfeitures and escheats, from the 29th September, 1711, to the 25th March, 1712.

Her Majesty's account of wine licences and of quit rents, from the 29th September, 1711, to the 25th March, 1712.

Address from the Governor, Council and Assembly of Jamaica to her Majesty upon the peace.

Copy of the proceedings of a Council of War in September, 1712.

A list of the militia regiments in Jamaica.

A list of the shipping lost in the hurricane at Jamaica, 28th August, 1712.

Minutes of the Council of Jamaica, from the 8th of January, 1711, to the 29th of September following.

A fifth letter from the Lord Archibald Hamilton, Governor of Jamaica, to the Board, dated the 22nd of November, 1712, was read, and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, vizt. :

Fifth letter from his lordship.

Address from the Council and Assembly of Jamaica to the Lord Archibald Hamilton, Governor.

Papers therein referr'd to.

An address from the Council and Assembly to the Governor of Jamaica in relation to a difference between him and Admiral Walker there.

Transcript of two paragraphs in letters to Mr. Peter Beckford, from Whitgift Aylmer in London.

An account of escheats, with observations thereon.

Accounts of her Majesty's revenue (vizt., quit rents, fines, forfeitures, escheats, impost, fortifications, wine licences, outstanding debts &c.) in Jamaica, from the 25th March to the 29th September, 1712.

Minutes of Council in Jamaica, from the 14th October, 1712, to the 14th of November following.

Minutes of Assembly in Jamaica, from the 14th of October, 1712, to the 14th of November following.

Several Acts pass'd at Jamaica by the Lord Archibald Hamilton, the 31 October, 1st and 14th November, 1712.

A sixth letter from the Lord Archibald Hamilton, Governor of Jamaica, to the Board, dated the 12th of December, 1712, relating to the misbehaviour of Admiral Walker, and desiring he may be recalled from that island &c., was read ; and the papers transmitted therewith were laid before the Board, being as follow, vizt. :

Sixth letter from Lord Archibald Hamilton.

Letter from Lord Archibald Hamilton, Governor of Jamaica, to Sir Hovenden Walker, Rear Admiral of the White, and Commander in Chief of all her Majesty's ships there, dated November the 23rd, 1712.

Papers with it.

Copy of the deposition of John Rolfe.

Copy of the deposition of Jeremiah French and Edward White.

Copy of the deposition of George Sharpless.

Copy of the deposition of Thomas White.

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Seventh letter from him.

A seventh letter from the Lord Archibald Hamilton, Governor of Jamaica, to the Board, dated the 18th of December, 1712, was read, as also the minutes of Council in Jamaica, the 12th of that month.

Eighth letter and papers.

An eighth letter from the Lord Archibald Hamilton, Governor of Jamaica, to the Board, dated the 3rd of January, 171³/₈, was read, transmitting minutes of Council from the 16th of October, 1712, to the 18th December following, as also a further account of the behaviour of Sir Hovenden Walker, commodore of the squadron there.

Ninth.

A ninth letter from the Lord Archibald Hamilton, Governor of Jamaica, to the Board, dated the 5th of March, 171³/₈, was read.

Tenth

A tenth letter from the Lord Archibald Hamilton, Governor of Jamaica, to the Board, dated the 31st of March, 1713, was read.

*and
Eleventh letter from his lordship.*

An eleventh letter from the Lord Archibald Hamilton, Governor of Jamaica, to the Board, dated the 25th of April, 1713, was read, as were also the two following papers therewith sent, vizt. :

Papers referr'd to in the last.

Copy of a letter from the Commissioners of her Majesty's Customs to the Lord Archibald Hamilton, Governor of Jamaica, dated the 13th November, 1712.

Representation of the merchants of Jamaica to his Excellency the Lord Archibald Hamilton, in Council, relating to the prosecutions upon plantation bonds.

Letter from Lord Archibald Hamilton to the secretary.

A twelv[f]th letter from the Lord Archibald Hamilton, Governor of Jamaica, to the secretary of this Board, dated the 25th of April, 1713, was read, relating to the apprehended interruption of trade by pirates assembled in the Gulph of Darien, and the want of a better naval guard for that island.

Answer to the fore-said letters agreed.

Upon consideration of the Lord Archibald Hamilton's above-mention'd letters, their lordships agreed an answer thereto [*fo.* 433], and ordered it to be transcribed.

*Letter from Mr. Lownds.
Petition of Mr. Swimmer.
Kupius.*

A letter to the secretary from Mr. Lownds, the 12th of February last, by order of the Lord High Treasurer, referring to the Board a petition from Anthony Swimmer, of Jamaica, esquire, for the escheated estate of Mrs. Kupius, lately deceased there, without heirs [*fo.* 431 ; *Q. fo.* 108], was read ; and their lordships thereupon gave directions for sending a copy of the foremention'd account of escheats referr'd to in the Lord Archibald Hamilton's letter of the 22nd November, 1712, to Mr. Attorney General for his opinion thereupon in point of law.

*Escheats.
Letter to the Attorney General.**Barbadoes.
Attorney General's report.
Appeals.*

A report from Mr. Attorney General [*fo.* 406], upon the extract of a letter from Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, and a query thereupon, relating to appeals from the Court of Exchequer in that island to the Governor and Council there as a Court of Chancery (sent him the 15th instant), was read ; whereupon their lordships gave directions for preparing a copy thereof to be transmitted to Mr. Lowther.

Letter from Mr. Lowther, Governor, with papers.

A letter from Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, to the Board, dated the 20th of December, 1711, mention'd in the minutes of the 14th instant, was again read, as also an address to him from the General Assembly relating to several of the clergy in that island, with the resolves of that House &c. annex'd thereunto.

A second letter from Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, to the Board, dated the 18th of February, 1711 $\frac{1}{2}$, was read, and the two following papers sent therewith were laid before the Board, vizt. :

Letter from Mr. Slingsby, Attorney General at Barbadoes, dated the 18th of February, 1712, inclosing a state of the case of the ship *Oxford*, Robert Knowle master, seiz'd there, and under prosecution on suspicion of having made several breaches upon the Acts of Trade, together with other papers relating thereto.

Several papers and depositions relating to Mr. Skene, secretary of Barbadoes.

A third letter from Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, to the Board, dated the 9th of April, 1712, relating to the suspension of the Solicitor General to the ship *Oxford*, seized by his order; to Mr. Skene, secretary of that island, &c., was read, and the several publick papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follow, vizt. :

An abstract of the proceedings in Council the 22nd January, 1711 $\frac{1}{2}$, against Mr. Carter, Solicitor General.

Naval officer's list of ships entred and clear'd in Barbadoes, from 25th June, 1711, to the 24th December, both inclusive.

Case of the ship *Oxford*, seized at Barbadoes for breach of the Acts of Trade, with reference to ships seiz'd in that island.

One and thirty depositions taken in relation to the ship *Oxford*, in answer to several interrogatories.

Several papers and depositions about Mr. Skene, secretary of Barbadoes.

A list of causes that have been dispatch'd in Chancery in Barbadoes, from the 8th August, 1711, to the 5th of April, 1712, as also those that remain to be determined.

A list of the French prizes taken, from July, 1711, to March, 1712.

Copies of the orders that have been given Mr. Lowther to the men-of-war, from the 28th of June, 1711, to the 23rd of February following.

Minute of the Council of Barbadoes, of the 12th of May, 1709, relating to the secretary of that island.

A list of the names of the French prisoners at Barbadoes.

Address of the Assembly of Barbadoes to Mr. Lowther, relating to the clergy there.

A copy of the oath taken by her Majesty's Solicitor General in Barbadoes.

Copy of a manifest of the loading of the ship *Oxford*, deliver'd the Governor of Barbadoes by Robert Addison.

Copy of a Clearance Bill and manifest of the ship *Oxford* and her lading from the Port Kinsale.

Copy of the Governor's Order for seizing the ship *Oxford*.

Memorandum out of the Custom House books of Barbadoes, relating to the seizure of the ship *Oxford*.

Copies of a bond and memorandums proposed to have been enter'd into by the commander and consignee of the ship *Oxford* to her Majesty.

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Second letter from him.

Papers therein referr'd to.

Third letter from Mr. Lowther.

Papers therein referr'd to.

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Petition of Robert Knowles, commander of the ship *Oxford*, to the Governor, praying for a libell.

Petition of Robert Addison, praying to be admitted a party in vindication of the ship *Oxford*.

Copy of a libel exhibited by William Byndloss against Robert Knowles &c., and the ship *Oxford*.

Petition of William Byndloss, praying that Mr. Addison may not be admitted a party in the tryal of the ship *Oxford*, and that the petition of Knowles and Addison may be laid aside.

Petition of William Byndloss, praying that Mr. Addison may be examined to interrogatories &c. in relation to the ship *Oxford*, with the Judge of the Admiralty's order thereupon.

Answer of Robert Knowles, comander of the ship *Oxford*, to the libell exhibited against him and the said ship by William Byndloss.

Byndloss's exceptions to Knowles's answer to the libell &c.

Report of the Register of the Court of Admiralty upon the libell, answer, exceptions &c., in the case of the ship *Oxford*.

Further answer of Robert Knowles and Robert Addison to the libell exhibited by William Byndloss against them.

Exceptions of William Byndloss to the further answer of Knowles and Addison.

Third answer of Knowles and Addison to Byndloss' second exceptions.

Interrogatories to be exhibited to witnesses on account of the ship *Oxford*.

Petition of Robert Knowles, praying the Judge of the Admiralty to dismiss the libell.

Petition of Robert Knowles, praying liberty to sail with the ship *Oxford*, upon giving security to answer the award of the Court.

Petition of William Byndloss, praying the ship *Oxford* may not be admitted to sail before a hearing.

Protest of William Byndloss against an order of appraisment granted upon the petition of Knowles &c., for liberty to sail &c.

Petition of Robert Knowles, praying a short day for a hearing upon the libel exhibited by William Byndloss, against the ship *Oxford*.

Petition of William Byndloss, praying time to examine witnesses &c.

Petition of William Byndloss, praying a further time to examine witnesses.

Fourth letter from
Mr. Lowther.

A fourth letter from Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, to the Board, dated the 28th of May, 1712, relating to a petition of some masters of ships for leave to sail to Great Britain; to the misbehaviour of Captain Constable, who refused to convoy the said ship to the latitude of twenty; to his want of power over the captains of men-of-war; to the Excise Bill; and to several persons designing ill offices against him, was read; and the papers therewith transmitted were laid before the Board, vizt.:

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Papers received with it.

Mr. Upton's deposition relating to Captain Constable's refusing to obey Mr. Lowther's order to convoy a fleet of ships to the latitude of twenty.

Petition of several comanders of merchant ships to Mr. Lowther, praying leave to sail to Great Britain.

Copy of Mr. Lowther's order to Captain Constable to convoy a fleet of merchant ships to the latitude of 20, bound to Great Britain.

Minutes of the Council of Barbadoes, from the 15th April, 1712, to the 21st of May following.

Minutes of Council in Assembly of Barbadoes, from the 15th of April, 1712, to the 7th of May following.

A fifth letter from Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, to the Board, dated the 16th of August, 1712, was read, and the several papers referr'd to therein were laid before the Board, which are as follow, vizt. :

Fifth letter from Mr. Lowther.

Minutes of Assembly of Barbadoes, from the 20th May, 1712, to the 22nd of July following.

Papers therein referr'd to.

Naval officer's list of ships, from the 25th of March, 1712, to the 24th June following.

Account of stores of war in the magazine in Barbadoes, ending the second of June, 1712.

List of christnings and burials in Barbadoes, from the 22nd June, 1711, to the 22nd June, 1712, as also the number of schoolmasters there.

List of causes determined and undetermined in the several Courts in Barbadoes, from 1711 to 1712.

List of negroes imported into Barbadoes, from the 25th June, 1711, to the 2nd June, 1712.

Account of ordnance stores and ammunition in the several divisions in Barbadoes, taken the first August, 1712.

List of the inhabitants of Barbadoes, with the number of their slaves, horses &c.

An Act to enable the surviving executor of Johanna Paris, widow, to dispose of lands &c. for the uses herein mentioned. Pass'd the 1st of August, 1712.

Account of prizes and seizures in the Court of Admiralty in Barbadoes, from June, 1711, to July, 1712.

Colonel Lessly's deposition concerning his ready compliance to the Governor's order, directing him to deliver to Captain Archibald Hamilton ordnance stores and ammunition for his expedition to the Leeward Islands.

Mr. Berwick's petition to the Governor, praying that Mr. Skene may be obliged to make good to her Majesty the summ decreed against him by the Court of Exchequer.

A sixth letter from Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, to the Board, dated the 29th of August, 1712, complaining of the men-of-war attending that island, in relation to the assistance he intended the Leeward Islands, mention'd in the minutes of the 27th of November last, was again read, and the three following papers transmitted therewith, were laid before the Board, vizt. :

Sixth letter from Mr. Lowther.

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*Papers therewith
transmitted*

Orders issued by Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, to the captains of the men-of-war attending that island about the assistance necessary for the security of the Leeward Islands &c.

Minutes of the Council of Barbadoes, from the 7th June, 1712, to the 13th September following.

Minutes of Council, relating to the behaviour of the men-of-war attending Barbadoes when their assistance was required for the security of the Leeward Islands, from the 14th July, 1712, to the 31st of August following.

*Seventh letter from
him.*

A seventh letter from Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, to the Board, dated the 26 of January, 171³/₈, was read, and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follow, vizt. :

Papers with it.

Naval officer's list of ships entred and clear'd at Barbadoes, from the 25th June to the 24th September, 1712, both inclusive.

Naval officer's list of ships entred and clear'd at Barbadoes, from the 25th of September to the 24th of December, 1712, both inclusive.

Minutes of the Council and minutes of Council in Assembly of Barbadoes, from the 30th of September, 1712, to the 13th of January following.

An Act for laying an imposition on wines and other strong liquors imported this island, to raise money for carrying on the fortifications, for payment of such officers as are or shall be employ'd here at the publick charge, and for such other publick uses as are herein appointed. Pass'd the 4th December, 1712.

*Eighth letter from the
Governor.*

An eighth letter from Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, to the Board, dated the 30th of March, 1713, was read, transmitting an Act pass'd there, together with minutes of Council and Assembly, which were laid before the Board, vizt. :

Acts and minutes.

An Act declaring that the Court of Common Pleas for the precincts of Christ Church and St. Philip's may be holden on Monday and Tuesday, the 23rd and 24th days of March, 1712, and so successively from time to time, as the law directs.

Minutes of the Council of Barbadoes, from the 30th September, 1712, to the 13th January following.

Minutes of the Assembly of Barbadoes, from the 29th of August, 1712, to the 13th January following.

Minutes of the Council of Barbadoes in Assembly, from the 20th of January to the 20th of March, 171³/₈.

*Answer to Mr.
Lowther's letters.*

Upon consideration of Mr. Lowther's above-mentioned letters, their lordships agreed an answer thereto, and order'd it to be transcrib'd.

*Virginia.
Letter from Col.
Spotswood.*

A letter from Colonel Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, to the Board, dated the 11th of February, 171³/₈, was read, and the papers therewith transmitted were laid before the Board, and are as follow, vizt. :

*Papers therewith
transmitted.*

Copy of an address from the President and Assembly of North Carolina to Colonel Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of

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Virginia, for assistance against the Indians &c. in war with them.

Proclamations for a suspension of arms, and for preventing abuses in obtaining certificates of rights for taking up lands.

Account of births and burials in Virginia, from the 1st of April to the 1st of October, 1712.

Account of negroes imported into Virginia in 1712, from the coast of Africa.

Account of arms and ammunition belonging to her Majesty in Virginia, in 1712.

Copy of a Bill entituled, an Act declaring what shall be accounted a sufficient seating and planting hereafter to be taken up and patented.

Minutes of the Council of Virginia, from the 18th of August to the 9th of December, 1712.

Minutes of the Council of Virginia in Assembly, from the 22nd October to the 29th November, 1712.

Journal of the Assembly, from the 22nd October to the 29th November, 1712.

Acts pass'd in the General Assembly of Virginia, begun the 22nd October, 1712.

Upon consideration of Colonel Spotswood's foregoing letter, their lordships agreed an answer thereto, and ordered it to be transcrib'd.

*Answer to Col.
Spotswood.*

Mr. Aylmer, with Mr. March and Mr. Beckford, attending, and Mr. Rigby, with Colonel Long, Mr. Moore, Mr. Kent and several other Jamaica merchants and planters [fo. 408, 438], *The Act to prevent any one person from holding two or more offices of profit in Jamaica*, pass'd the 17th of April, 1711, was read; and the said Aylmer, March and Beckford presented to their lordships a memorial for the confirmation of the said Act, and setting forth that the notice they had was so short, they were not able to give their lordships their reasons so fully as they might be able to do, had they a longer day; and also that they believ'd there were heirs living of Williamina Kupius, which they might be able to give their lordships an account of had they time. Whereupon their lordships appointed Thursday next, that they may come prepared thereupon.

Jamaica.
*Mr. Aylmer,
Mr. March &c.
Mr. Rigby.
Act about offices.*

*Memorial from Mr.
Aylmer &c.*

Heirs of Kupius.

Further day appointed.

Their lordships taking into consideration the Acts pass'd at Jamaica in 1711 and 1712, gave directions for sending those contain'd in the following list to Mr. Attorney General, for his opinion thereupon in point of law, vizt.:

Jamaica.
*Letter to Attorney
General with Acts.*

An Act declaring what persons shall be qualify'd to sit in Assemblies, pass'd the 17th of April, 1711.

An Act to prevent hawking and disposing goods clandestinely, past the 31 of July, 1711.

An Act to disenable any member of the Council or of the Assembly of this island from acting as Commissioner for receiving any publick money raised or to be raised by the Governor, Council and Assembly of this island, and to disenable any such Commissioner to be a member of the

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Council or of the present or any future Assembly of this island. Past in November, 1711.

An Act for regulating fowling and fishing, past in November, 1711.

An Act for the better securing the estate and interests of orphans and creditors, and to oblige executors to give security, and to return appraisments into the secretary's office of this island. Past in November, 1711.

An Act to encourage white men to come to continue and settle in this island, past in October and November, 1712.

An Act for preserving the publick records of this island, past in October and November, 1712.

Nevis.

Mr. Lee's debenture.

Mr. Tudor Lee attending, and an attested copy of the last will and testament of his father, Mr. Samuel Lee, late of Nevis, who was a sufferer there, being examined at the Board, the debenture number'd 424 was deliver'd to the said Tudor Lee.

July 20. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley.

Jamaica.
Letter to the Governor.

A letter to the Lord Archibald Hamilton, Governor of Jamaica [fo. 417], agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

Barbadoes.
Letter from Mr.
Lowther.

A letter from Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, dated the 20th of May, 1713, relating to Mr. Skene's complaints against him, was read.

Letter to him.

A letter to Mr. Lowther, agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

New York.
Letter to Governor.

A letter to Colonel Hunter, Governor of New York, &c., agreed the 16th instant, was sign'd.

Virginia.
Letter to Lieutenant
Governor.

A letter to Colonel Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, agreed at the last meeting, was sign'd.

St. Christopher's.
Settlement of French
part of the island.
Notice to Mr.
Heysham.

Order'd that Mr. Robert Heysham be acquainted with the Board's intention of considering on Thursday morning next the memorial from the Council and Assembly of St. Christopher's, presented to her Majesty by Mr. Duport, relating to the settlement of the late French part of St. Christopher's.

Miscellanies.
Incidents &c.

The secretary laid before their lordships the accounts of incidental charges in the service of this Board, from Michaelmas, 1712, to Midsummer, 1713, which are as follow, vizt.:

Account of petty expences, from Michaelmas,	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
1712, to Christmas following	51	2	3
The same from Christmas, 1712, to Lady Day, 1713	31	4	7½
The same from Lady Day, 1713, to Midsummer following	42	19	10
The stationer's account, from Michaelmas, 1712, to Christmas following	22	6	11
The stationer's account, from Christmas, 1712, to Lady Day, 1713	42	1	11
The same from Lady Day, 1713, to Midsummer following	23	17	2

Carry'd over 213 12 8½

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	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Brought over	213	12	8½
The post officer's account, from Michaelmas, 1712, to Christmas following	14	9	11
The same from Christmas, 1712, to Lady Day, 1713	15	10	2
The same from Lady Day, 1713, to Midsummer following	21	11	6
Mr. Clark's account for wood and coals	33	10	9
Total	298	15	0½

Whereupon a letter to the Lord High Treasurer, praying payment thereof, as likewise of the salaries due to this office, was signed.

Order'd [*fo.* 436] that the Earl of Orkney be acquainted that this Board having under consideration the filling up such vacancies as are at present in the Council of Virginia, they are desirous to know whether his lordship has any person to recommend to those places.

*Letter to Lord High
Treasurer.*

*Virginia.
Earl of Orkney.
Vacancies in Council.*

July 23. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Foley, Sir John H. Cotton.

A letter from the Earl of Orkney, dated yesterday [*fo.* 435], recommending several persons to be of her Majesty's Council in Virginia, was read; whereupon their lordships examined the list of persons recommended to fill up vacancies in the said Council, and gave directions for preparing the draught of a representation to her Majesty [*fo.* 439], proposing Mr. William Cocke, secretary of Virginia, and Mr. Edmond Berkley, as persons fitly qualify'd to supply the present vacancies.

*Virginia.
Letter from Earl of
Orkney recommending
councillors.*

*Representation to be
prepar'd proposing
two.*

Letters to Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, and to Mr. Lloyd, President of the Council of Maryland, for answers to what was writ them the 26th of October, 1711, upon several clauses of her Majesty's instructions for those governments, were sign'd.

*Barbadoes.
Maryland.
Letters to Mr.
Lowther and Col.
Lloyd.*

Mr. Duport attending, and Mr. Robert Heysham, as he had been desired, the Order of Council of the 24th June, 1713, referring to the Board an address from the Council and Assembly of St. Christopher's, together with the petition of Mr. Duport, praying that the poor inhabitants there may have shares of the French part of that island given them, was read, as also a memorial from the said Duport, mentioned in the minutes of the 14th instant; whereupon Mr. Duport being asked why he proposed that no one person should have above 200 acres, he said because that wou'd be a means to people the island sooner, and Mr. Heysham agreed thereto; but he thought it wou'd be hard to limit some gentlemen, who were in a capacity to cultivate and improve more lands, to that number of acres. Then Mr. Duport being asked what was meant by his twelfth article, where he desires some consideration to be had of those persons who had suffer'd during the first war, and have not been reliev'd by the Act made in favour of the sufferers of Nevis and St. Christopher's, he said that there was only himself

*Leeward Islands.
Mr. Duport and Mr.
Heysham about an
address from St.
Christopher's &c.
praying shares of the
French part of that
island.*

Queries thereupon.

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Barbadoes.

Memorial from Mr. Marsh about an Act to enable Joanna Paris &c. sent to Mr. Solicitor General.

Jamaica.

Merchants &c. in relation to an Act about offices of profit.

Certificate about secretary's and provost marshal's office.

Jamaica.

Memorial from merchants &c. bound in plantation bonds there, sent with other papers on the same subject to Mr. Carkess.

Virginia.

Representation proposing two new councillors.

Trade.

Letter from Lord Bolingbroke with papers from Utrecht. Trade in the Netherlands.

and another who were in that case, and they had been plundered by the English troops, when they re-conquer'd that island under General Codrington, the father, and that his particular loss in negroes and other things amounted to above 11,000*l*. After some further discourse upon this matter, these gentlemen withdrew, and their lordships agreed to reconsider this matter on Tuesday next, or at the first opportunity.

Mr. Heysham presented to their lordships a memorial from Mr. Marsh, praying the Board's consideration of *An Act, pass'd in Barbadoes the first of August, 1712, to inable the surviving executor of Joanna Paris, widow, to dispose of lands &c.*, was read, and directions given for sending the said Acts to Mr. Solicitor General for his opinion thereupon in point of law.

Colonel Laws, Mr. Kent, Mr. Rigby and several other Jamaica merchants and planters on the one side, and Mr. Aylmer, Mr. March, and Mr. Beckford on the other, attending, as appointed the 17th instant [*fo. 430, 441*], in relation to the *Jamaica Act for preventing any one person from holding two or more offices of profit in that island*, Mr. March acquainted their lordships that it was impossible for them to be ready at present, but that if their lordships wou'd give them a few days' time, they shou'd then prepare matters, so as to lay a full state thereof before their lordships; whereupon their lordships appointed Tuesday next for that purpose.

Mr. Rigby presented to the Board a certificate of several Jamaica planters and merchants, that they know no inconveniences attending the execution of the offices of secretary and provost marshal in that island by the same person, which was read.

Then Mr. Kent presented to their lordships a memorial from several Jamaica merchants, in behalf of themselves and others bound to her Majesty in plantation bonds there, which was read, and ordered that a copy thereof, as also of my Lord Archibald Hamilton's letter of the 25th of April last, and the copy of a letter from the Commissioners of the Customs, with a representation of the merchants of Jamaica to his lordship relating to the said bonds, be sent to Mr. Carkess for the opinion of the Commissioners of her Majesty's Customs thereupon.

July 28. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley.

A representation proposing Mr. William Cocke and Mr. Edmund Berkley to be constituted members of her Majesty's Council of Virginia [*fo. 436*], as directed the 23rd instant, was signed.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of the 23rd instant, together with several papers receiv'd from the Lords Ambassadors and Mr. Drummond at Utrecht [*fo. 395, 443*], relating to the settlement of trade in the Netherlands, were read, the said papers being as follows, vizt.:

Copy of Mr. Drummond's letter to Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, dated at Utrecht, 28th July, 1713.

Extract of a letter from the Lords Ambassadors to Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, dated at Utrecht, 28th July, 1713.

Copy of the provisional regulation of trade in the Spanish Netherlands.

Translation of the resolution of the States General, relating to the provisional regulation of trade in the Spanish Netherlands.

Whereupon ordered that Alderman Scawen, Mr. Livinus Dorpene, Mr. Edward Atkins, Mr. White and Mr. John Waller, Flanders merchants, be desired to attend the Board on Fryday morning next.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of the 25th instant [fo. 444], relating to the advantages which the Dutch make by the cloth manufactures in Limburg, and to a general and final settlement of trade in the Low Countries, referring the same to the consideration of the Board, as also what instructions may be necessary to be thereupon given to some of her Majesty's Ministers in those parts, was read.

Mr. Aylmer, Mr. March, and Mr. Beckford attending [fo. 438, 447] (according to appointment the 23rd instant) in behalf of the Act, pass'd in Jamaica, *to prevent any one person from holding two or more offices of profit in that island*; and Mr. Rigby, Colonel Laws, Mr. Moore, Mr. Kent, and other merchants and planters, appearing likewise against the said Act, Mr. Aylmer, Mr. March and Mr. Beckford presented to the Board a memorial containing their reasons for passing the same, which was read; and after hearing both parties thereupon, their lordships agreed to adjourn the consideration thereof to Friday morning next.

Then the secretary laid before their lordships 29 Acts pass'd in Pennsylvania, in 1709, 1710, 1711, and 1712, which were sent to the office by Mr. Penn, the 22nd instant.

Whereupon ordered that the said Acts be sent to Mr. Solicitor General for his opinion thereupon in point of law.

A letter from Colonel Hunter, dated at New York, the 11th June last, together with the following papers therein refer'd to, were read; and the secretary acquainted their lordships that in order to lose no time he had already sent to Mr. Attorney General [fo. 448] the papers mark'd C, D and E; the said papers are as follows:

Printed address of the Grand Jury of New York to Colonel Hunter, the 5th May, 1713, with two other printed papers relating to the struggle between him and the Assembly of that province.

Colonel Hunter's speech to the Assembly of New York, the 27th May, 1713.

Copy of the proceedings of the Supream Court at New York, with relation to the Queen's right to the royal fish.

Proceedings at New York relating to an escheat.

The state of her Majesty's quit rents in New York.

July 31. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley.

A memorial from Mr. Rigby, deputy secretary and provost marshal of Jamaica, against *An Act for preventing any one person holding two or more offices in that island* (mention'd in the minutes

1713.

*Flanders merchants
summon'd thereupon.*

Trade.

*Letter from Lord
Bolingbroke about
advantages the Dutch
make by the cloth
manufactures in
Limburg &c.*

Jamaica.

*Merchants for and
against the Act about
offices of profit.*

*Memorial with reasons
for passing the same.*

Pennsylvania. Acts.

*Sent to Mr. Solicitor
General.*

New York.

*Letter from Col.
Hunter with papers.
Letter to Mr. Attorney
General about the
fishery, escheats and
quit rents.*

Jamaica.

*Rigby; memorial
against Office Act.*

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*That Act reconsider'd
and sent Mr. Attorney
General.*

*Letter to Major
General Handasyd
thereupon.*

Trade.
*Flanders.
Dorpere, White.*

Trade.
*Woollen manufacture,
Limburgh.*

*Provisional regula-
tion and resolution of
States General sent
to Flanders merchants.*

*Queries for their
answer.*

Nevis.
Debenture deliver'd.

Nevis.
*St. Christopher's.
Debentures sign'd.*

Jamaica.
*Mr. Rigby.
Act against two offices.
Attorney General's
report.
Representation for
its repeal.*

Trade.
*Flanders.
Mr. Dorpere.*

of the 28th instant), inclosing Sir Edward Northey's opinion in relation to the said Rigby's executing the place of deputy secretary, was read; and their lordships taking again into consideration the foremention'd Act, ordered that it be sent to Mr. Attorney General, for his opinion thereupon.

And further ordered that a letter be writ to Major-General Handasyd [fo. 447], to desire him to let their lordships have his reasons for passing the said Act, together with his opinion upon it.

Mr. Dorpere, Mr. White and another Flanders merchant attending [fo. 440] (as they had been desired the 28th instant), the provisional regulation of trade in the Spanish Netherlands, as also the resolution of the States General thereupon, were read to them (mentioned also in the said minutes of the 28th instant), with which they were satisfy'd for the present.

These gentlemen being ask'd how the woollen manufacture at Limburgh stood [fo. 441], they said that at Limburgh and several other places of Holland, contiguous to the territories of Limburgh, they do make considerable quantities of fine cloth, that the same (both the Dutch cloth as well as that of Limburgh) is imported into the Spanish Netherlands and New Conquests, without paying any duty, which is not allow'd to our cloth imported there, and which is a very great prejudice to our trade; for by this means there is much more Limburgh cloth or Dutch cloth going under that denomination, sold in Flanders than of ours. After some further discourse with these gentlemen hereupon, order'd that copies of the foremention'd regulation and resolution be sent to these gentlemen, to be communicated to the other merchants here, and that they be desired [fo. 446] to bring to their lordships on Thursday morning next their answers to the following queries in writing:

Whether Limburgh and Verviers are pawn'd to the Dutch?

What caution might there be to hinder the Dutch goods from being carryd into Flanders and New Conquests, as goods of Limburgh and Verviers, whereby they under-sell us?

Mr. Rowland Gideon and Mr. Charles Kesar, return'd as sufferers of a loss at the island of Nevis, attending, a debenture for the said loss, numbered 231, was deliver'd to them.

August 6. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip. Meadows,

Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley, Sir John H. Cotton.

Their lordships signed 75 debentures for the sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's, being number'd from 470 to 544, both inclusive.

Mr. Rigby, deputy secretary and provost marshal of Jamaica, attending, in relation to the Act pass'd there the 17th of April, 1711, *to prevent any one person from holding two or more offices of profit in that island*; Mr. Attorney General's report thereupon was read, and a representation [Q. fo. 73] proposing the repeal thereof, agreed and sign'd.

Mr. Dorpere attending [fo. 444], as desired the 31st of the last month, about the Flanders trade, he acquainted the Board with Mr. White's indisposition, whereby he was disabled from attending their lordships; that Verviers is the place where the greatest part

of the cloth call'd Limburg cloth is made, and is scituate on the side of Liege, upon the river which divides Limburg from Liege; that to the best of his memory, those cloths formerly paid duties when imported into Brabant or Flanders, as all other cloths paid; that he has sent the two queries relating to Limburg and Verviers (mentioned in the minutes of the said 31st of July) to some of his friends in Flanders, and desired information from them, whether Limburg cloths ever paid any or what duty upon importation into the Spanish Flanders; and whether the Dutch had always the conveniency of introducing their cloths into Flanders under the denomination of Limburg cloths.

Then Mr. Aylmer and Mr. March attending [*fo.* 441], in reference to the foremention'd Act of Jamaica *to prevent any one person from holding two or more offices of profit in that island*, they presented to the Board a certificate from several planters and merchants concern'd in the trade of Jamaica of their opinion, that the said Act is for the general good of that island.

1713.
Limburg cloth

Jamaica.
Aylmer and March.
Act against two offices.
Merchants' certificate
in its favour.

August 11. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley.

A letter from Major-General Handasyd, dated the 6th instant [*fo.* 443], in answer to that writ him by the secretary the 31st of last month, relating to the Act past in Jamaica the 17th of April, 1711, *to prevent any one person from holding two or more offices of profit there*, was read.

Jamaica.
Letter from Major
General Handasyd.

Then their lordships sign'd one hundred and eleven debentures for the sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's, from number 545 to number 593, and from number 595 to number 656, all inclusive.

Leeward Islands.
Debentures sign'd.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of the 10th instant [*Q. fo.* 90], referring to the Board an address from the House of Commons of the 25th of June last, to her Majesty, relating to the fishery of Great Britain, was read, and a progress made in the consideration thereof.

Trade.
Letter from Lord
Bolingbroke. Address
of House of Commons.
Fishery.

Mr. John Clement attending the Board, he acquainted their lordships that he had some proposals to offer in relation to the said fishery. Whereupon he was directed to put them into writing, in order to his laying the same before the Board, which he promised to do accordingly.

Mr. Clement to put
his proposals there-
upon in writing.

Three reports from Mr. Attorney General, dated the 30th of July last, in answer to the letter writ him the 28th of the same month [*fo.* 442], relating to her Majesty's quit rents at New York, and the proceeding there relating to the taking royal fish, and to an escheat, were read; whereupon the draught of a letter wherewith to transmit copies of the said reports to Colonel Hunter, Governor of that province, was agreed, and ordered to be transcrib'd.

New York.
Attorn'y General's
reports about quit
rents, fishery and
escheats.
Letter to Col. Hunter
with copies.

August 12. Present:—Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Foley.

The Lord Viscount Bolingbroke communicated to the Board the copy of a memorial on the part of her Majesty, presented to the King of Spain by the Lord Lexington, upon the affairs of commerce, with the answers made on the part of the King of Spain,

Trade.
Lord Viscount
Bolingbroke.
Memorial to King
of Spain.
His answers.

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*Draught of a Treaty
of Commerce.**Sir William Hodges
and Mr. Mead
summon'd.*

together with the draught of a treaty drawn from the said papers, which were severally read. And their lordships resolv'd to take the same into further consideration to-morrow morning. Ordered [fo. 450] that Sir William Hodges, Mr. John Mead, and Mr. James Dollif be desired to attend the Board at the same time.

August 13. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley.

Trade.

*Sir Wm. Hodges and
Mr. Mead, about
Articles of Commerce
with Spain.*

Sir William Hodges and Mr. John Mead attending, as they had been desired yesterday [fo. 449 ; Q. fo. 3], and being ask'd several questions upon some of the articles for the Treaty of Commerce with Spain, communicated to the Board by the Lord Bolingbroke yesterday, they answer'd as follows, vizt. :

Upon the second article, it being ask'd what was the difference between the duties payable at Cadiz or Port St. Mary's and those payable at other places, they said that the duties payable at Cadiz and St. Mary's were much higher than the duties payable in any other port of Spain, the other places having considerable priviledges allow'd them, and therefore their duties are much lower, and that it is not therefore our interest to have the duties payable in all the several ports of Spain upon the same foot, because some of them are so much lower than others that 'tis not probable the Spaniards will consent to reduce the duties payable in those places that are high to the same foot as those that are low ; however, they thought it necessary that the Spanish book of rates be altered, for as it is at present we pay higher duties than any other nation, and therefore shou'd we be obliged to pay all over Spain the same duties as at Cadiz, and in Sevil, it wou'd be very detrimental to our trade.

Upon the 5th article, being asked what they had to offer in relation to merchants paying the duty and excises upon the sale of their goods, which they had paid at entry ? They said that the excises ought not to be paid by the merchant, but by the retailer, and that the said excises were much higher than the duties upon entry.

Upon the 6th article, being asked if they knew whether the French have any priviledges not yet revoked that we have not, they said that they did not know it.

Upon the 7th article, being asked what they had to offer in relation to the duty of Millon on fish, and particularly on fish or flesh decay'd ? They said that sometimes it happens that they can't have an opportunity to sell their fish or flesh till part of it is decay'd, and therefore they thought it a hardship to pay the said duty of Millon upon such decay'd goods.

Upon the 8th article, being ask'd when a new species of goods not mention'd in the Spanish book of rates is introduced, what ought to be the rule for the payment of the duties in Spain ? They said that in that case, the value of the goods ought to be reported by the merchant, and the duty payable

upon that value might reasonably be 5 or 6 *per cent.* ; that, if the Custom House officers suspected any fraud in the merchant in his valuation, the merchant shou'd be obliged to leave him the goods at that price, paying him for the said goods, only deducting the duty.

Upon the 9th and 10th articles, which relates to the permission to take on board of English ships gold and silver for freight &c., they said that it has frequently been done, but then the trouble is so great in obtaining permits and other licences from so many different officers, that it is not worth their while to do it.

Upon the 11th article, being ask'd whether we import into Spain wax, hides, copper &c., from Africa ? They said that it was constantly done, but they were liable to the pleasure of the Governors of the ports, who made them pay dear for their connivance at their importing of them ; and therefore they were of opinion it wou'd be of advantage if a free importation of African goods there could be obtain'd.

Upon the 13th article, the substance of the six rules proposed therein by the Marquis of Bedmar having been communicated to them, they said they had no objection to them.

Upon the 14th article, being asked whether the Hans Towns enjoy the liberty of carrying out of Spain gold and silver for stores of war, provisions &c., they sell there ? They said that they had formerly such a privilege for a small parcel in proportion to the tunnage of their ships, but that they do not know they ever made use of it.

Upon the 15th article, being asked what were the duties upon our goods in the Canary Islands ? They said that formerly the duties were 6 *per cent.*, after which 1 *per cent.* more was added, but then the goods were rated at 10 *per cent.* less than their value ; that King Philip has lately added 9 *per cent.* more upon the value, which is very grievous to them ; and they offer'd that if the duties there could be reduced to 5 *per cent.* it would be very advantageous to the trade of this kingdom.

Upon the 16th article, being asked whether during the war their ships were furnish'd with passes, they said that then they traded wholly in Spanish ships and under Spanish names, so that they had no debts owing to them in Spain but what were contracted before the war.

Upon the 17th article, being ask'd whether if they were permitted to trade to St. Andera upon such terms as had been formerly agreed with that town, and as shall be consistent with the King's authority, it might not be of advantage to them ? They answer'd in the affirmative.

Upon the 18th article, being asked their opinion in relation to the Judges Conservadores, they said that there was no need at all for them, for the Governors of the ports are so powerfull that Judge Conservadores can do nothing without their leave ; that formerly they had one at Cadiz, but

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they kept him but two years, by reason that they found a more immediate dispatch of their business by applying either to the English Consuls, or to her Majesty's Ministers, at the Court of Madrid; they agreed, however, that it might be of service to have a Judge Conservadore in the Canaries, those islands being at a distance from Spain.

*Queries to be answer'd
in writing.*

Then these gentlemen promised to send their lordships a more full answer to these queries in writing on Monday next [Q. fo. 3].

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August 14. Present :—Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Foley.

A letter from Mr. Harley of the 11th instant, referring back to this Board their lordships' letter to the Lord High Treasurer of the 13th of the last month [P. fo. 398 ; fo. 3], upon a proposal from several disbanded officers and soldiers, relating to their making a settlement in North America, with a memorial from them to his lordship on the same subject, was read, as was likewise the said memorial ; whereupon some of the said officers and soldiers attending, and being examin'd what was the lowest sum they thought necessary to be now advanced them per head for tools and arms, they said, twenty shillings apiece for tools, and as much for arms, was as little as they could accept with any view of success. Their lordships then return'd them the aforesaid memorial to amend the same, and insert therein the two abovementioned articles, in order to be laid before the Board the first opportunity.

A letter from the Earl of Dartmouth, of the 12th instant, signifying her Majesty's having been pleas'd to appoint Walter Hamilton, esquire, to be Governor of the Leeward Islands, in the room of Colonel Douglas [fo. 6], and directing the Board to prepare his commission and instructions as usual, was read ; whereupon ordered that the draughts of a commission and instructions be prepared accordingly.

August 18. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton.

A letter from Sir William Hodges, of the 5th instant [P. fo. 455], and the following papers therewith transmitted, were read, vizt., a copy of such articles of commerce with Spain, as were propos'd to be insisted on when a treaty with that Crown should be on foot ; a copy of the Bilboa merchants' reply to the Lord Lexington, relating to the settling our trade in that part of Spain ; and a Spanish copy of an agreement made between the English factory in Bilboa and the town of St. Andera in 1700. Whereupon their lordships agreed to communicate the said papers, and particularly the 8th, 11th, 14th and 15th articles of the abovemention'd papers to the Lord Bolingbroke.

August 19. Present :—Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton.

A memorial from several disbanded officers and soldiers [fo. 1, 7], containing an estimate of the charge of their intended settlement in Nova Scotia, as also of arms and utensils necessary for that

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Nova Scotia.
New England.

*Letter from Mr.
Harley, referring back
one from the Board
to my Lord Treasurer,
on disbanded officers'
proposal for settling
in North America.
Memorial thereupon*

*return'd them to be
amended.*

Leeward Islands.
*Letter from the Earl
of Dartmouth, to pre-
pare a commission
and instructions for
General Hamilton.*

Trade.
*Letter from Sir
William Hodges, with
papers relating to our
trade to Spain,*

*to be communicated
to the Lord Viscount
Bolingbroke.*

Nova Scotia.
New England.
*Memorial.
Disbanded officers
and soldiers.*

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New York.
Letter to Colonel
Hunter.

Trade.
Treaty of Commerce
with Spain.

Sir William Hodges
and Mr. Mead sum-
mon'd.

undertaking, pursuant to their lordships' direction to them the 14th instant, was read.

A letter to Colonel Hunter, Governor of New York, was sign'd.

Then the articles for a Treaty of Commerce with Spain, mention'd in the minutes of the 13th instant [P. fo. 450], were again read; whereupon their lordships resolv'd to take them into further consideration to-morrow at five a clock in the afternoon; and ordered that Sir William Hodges and Mr. Mead be desir'd to attend the Board at the same time [fo. 4].

August 20. Present :—Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore.

Trade.
Mr. Gilligan, Sir
William Hodges and
Mr. Mead at the
Board.
Treaty of Commerce
with Spain.
Third article.
New book of rates.

Mr. Gilligan, lately arriv'd from Spain, attending by direction of the Lord Bolingbroke, and Sir William Hodges, and Mr. Mead also attending [fo. 3, 10], as they had been desir'd, the draught of a treaty for commerce with Spain, mentioned in the minutes of the 13th instant, was read to them; and upon the 3rd article, relating to the settling of a new book of rates in Spain, Sir William Hodges and Mr. Mead said that it would be a very great disadvantage to trade, if the duties all over Spain were upon the same foot; for the duties of Andalusia are very high, and those of Biscay and Guipuscoa very low, so that if the latter were rais'd to be equal with those of Andalusia, that would entirely ruine the trade of those two provinces. Besides which, they said that no nation pays so high duties for their goods in St. Mary's, Cadiz and Seville as we do.

To this Mr. Gilligan said, that he believ'd these gentlemen were under a mistake; for that all the English merchants at Cadiz and other parts of Spain (with whom both the Lord Lexington and he have frequently had occasion to correspond) agree that the duties at Cadiz and St. Mary's are lower than in other parts of Spain. Whereupon Mr. Mead desiring to have a copy of the said 3rd article, that he might give their lordships some observations upon it, a copy was immediately made, and given him accordingly.

As to the 13th article, relating to the duties to be paid in the Canaries, Sir William Hodges and Mr. Mead propos'd that, instead of stipulating that the duty shall be the same as what was paid in the time of the late King Charles the Second, it be expressly mention'd, six *per cent.* upon the value of goods to the King, and one *per cent.* towards maintaining the fortifications there.

These gentlemen being withdrawn, their lordships desir'd Mr. Gilligan to take the foresaid draught of a project for a Treaty of Commerce, as also the Spanish copy of the Lord Lexington's memorial, and the answer thereunto on the part of the King of Spain, the minutes of this Board of the 13th instant, the copy of the articles of commerce with the Bilboa merchants' reply to my Lord Lexington, receiv'd from Sir William Hodges (mention'd in the minutes of the 18th and 19th instant), for his observations thereupon, which he promis'd to do accordingly.

August 21. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton.

General Hamilton, who is appointed Governor of the Leeward Islands, attending [*fo.* 2, 7], with Mr. Rowland Tryon, their lordships took into consideration the lists of the present councillors, as also of persons recommended to supply vacancies in the several Councils of the said islands. Whereupon, it appearing that for the Island of Nevis, there are now no more than nine members of her Majesty's Council; for that of St. Christopher's, seven; for Antigua, eleven; and for Montserrat, seven; their lordships, after some discourse with these gentlemen, resolv'd to propose to her Majesty the constituting and appointing the following gentlemen members of her Majesty's said respective Councils, vizt., Michael Williams, John Choppin and Joseph Symonds, to supply the present vacancies in the Council of Nevis; Ralph Willett, John Duport, Clement Crook, William Woodrope and John Garnet, to supply the like vacancies in the Council of St. Christopher's; Thomas Williams to supply the like vacancy in Antigua; and John Bramble, Anthony Ravell, Anthony Fox, William White and James Crookshank, clerk, to supply the like vacancies in her Majesty's Council for the Island of Montserrat.

Then the draughts of a commission and instructions to General Hamilton for the government of the Leeward Islands, as likewise a draught of instructions to him particularly relating to the Acts of Trade [*fo.* 6], were severally laid before the Board and agreed, and a representation signed, wherewith to lay the same before her Majesty.

Several of the disbanded officers and soldiers attending, their memorial (mention'd in the minutes of the 19th instant) was again read [*fo.* 3, *v. infra*], and they declaring that they cou'd not pretend to settle in Nova Scotia without such encouragement as is mention'd in their said memorial; they were acquainted that their demand is so high, their lordships cou'd not represent anything to my Lord Treasurer in their favour.

A letter from Mr. Harley, of the 20th instant, referring to the Board a memorial to the Lord High Treasurer from Mr. Coram, relating to the settling several disbanded officers and soldiers in North America [*v. supra*], was read, and communicated to the said officers and soldiers; whereupon they desir'd, in case anything was done in favour of the said Coram's project, that they might come in for a share thereof, which their lordships promis'd to take care of accordingly.

September 18. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Vernon.

A new commission from her Majesty, dated the 15th instant, was open'd and read, whereby (besides the great officers of State, as in other commissions of this Board, the Chancellor of the Exchequer excepted), the Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, senior, Robert Monckton, Arthur Moore, esquires, Sir John Hynde Cotton, baronet, John Sharp [*fo.* 15], Samuel Pytts and Thomas Vernon, esquires, are appointed Commissioners for promoting the trade

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Leeward Islands.
General Hamilton,
Governor, at the
Board.
Present councillors.
Vacancies.

Nevis.
St. Christopher's.
Antigua.
Montserrat.

New councillors for
Nevis.

St. Christopher's.
Antigua.

Montserrat.

General Hamilton's
commission, instruc-
tions, and instructions
for trade.

Representation
signed.

Nova Scotia.
New England.
Disbanded officers'
memorial.

Memorial from Mr.
Coram on the same
subject.

Miscellanies.
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Trade

*with France.
Letter from Lord
Bolingbroke.*

*Another from his
lordship about im-
provement of our trade
to Portugal.*

*Letter to Mr. Delavall
for book of rates &c.*

of this kingdom, and for inspecting and improving her Majesty's plantations in America and elsewhere; and Mr. Vernon, being present, took his place at the Board accordingly.

A letter from my Lord Bolingbroke, of the 2nd instant, referring to the Board the consideration of the trade between Great Britain and France [*fo.* 12], was read, and their lordships agreed to consider that matter on Tuesday next.

Another letter from the Lord Bolingbroke [*fo.* 10], of the 4th instant, requiring the Board to lay before her Majesty what they may have to offer in this conjuncture for improving our trade to Portugal, was read. Whereupon their lordships immediately writ and sign'd a letter to Mr. Delavall [*fo.* 90], her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary at Lisbon, desiring him to send their lordships, with all expedition, the Portugal book of rates, pragmatics, and other orders relating to trade that are extant.

And further ordered that care be taken to get all the tariffs or books of rates of any other country in Europe.

September 22. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Vernon.

Trade.

*Mr. Clement's
memorial.
Fishery.*

*Letter to Mr. Secretary
Bromley for collection
[of] Dutch placarts.*

Mr. Clement presented to their lordships a memorial containing his proposal for the better regulating our fishery, which was read, and a letter immediately drawn up, sign'd, and sent to Mr. Secretary Bromley, desiring that her Majesty's Minister in Holland may be directed to get some advocate there to make a collection of all the Dutch placarts relating to their fishery.

Trade

*with Portugal under
consideration.*

Then their lordships taking into consideration my Lord Bolingbroke's letter of the 4th instant [*fo.* 8, 30], relating to the trade with Portugal, they read an Order of Council of 19th December, 1711, referring to the Board a memorial from the British factory at Oporto [*vide* January 14th, 1711], relating to the state of the British trade there, and gave directions that the treaty between England and Portugal in 1653 be translated.

September 24. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Vernon.

Trade.

*Letter from Mr.
Secretary Bromley &c.
Treaty of Commerce
with Spain.*

A letter from Mr. Secretary Bromley, dated this day, referring to their lordships' consideration several papers relating to a Treaty of Commerce with Spain [*fo.* 4, 11], was read; and Mr. Gilligan, her Majesty's late Commissary for Commerce at Madrid, being present at the Board, a progress was made in considering the said papers accordingly, and their lordships resolv'd to proceed further thereupon to-morrow morning.

A letter from Mr. Hare, secretary to the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of this day's date, with three articles of the treaty with Portugal in 1704, was read.

September 25. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Vernon.

Jamaica.

*Memorial from Mr.
Stawell, recommending
a new councillor.*

A memorial from Mr. Stawell, in behalf of Thomas Bernard, esquire, of Jamaica, was read, setting forth that there are two vacancies in the Council of that island, by reason of the absence

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of Colonel Long and Mr. Edlyn, who have both of them been several years in this kingdom, without her Majesty's licence for such their absence, and praying that their lordships would recommend the said Bernard to her Majesty for filling up one of the said vacancies [fo. 29], he having a considerable estate there, and is otherwise well qualify'd to serve her Majesty in that station. Whereupon ordered that a representation be prepared to her Majesty, setting forth the inconveniency of Councillors in the plantations being so long absent from their duty, and proposing the said Bernard to be a member of the Council of Jamaica in the room of Colonel Long.

Then their lordships went through the consideration of the draught of a Treaty of Commerce with Spain [fo. 10, 13], mention'd in yesterday's minutes, and made several observations thereupon, and transmitted the same in a letter to Mr. Secretary Bromley, sign'd at the same time.

A letter from the Lord Bolingbroke, of yesterday's date, referring to the Board a memorial from Mr. Dummer [fo. 20], agent for the Massachusetts Bay, relating to the capture of several English ships by the Spaniards at Tertudas, since the suspension of arms, was read; and ordered that Mr. Dummer have notice to attend their lordships thereupon on Tuesday morning next.

September 29. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Vernon.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, dated yesterday, signifying her Majesty's pleasure that this Board do immediately take into consideration and report the present state of commerce between Great Britain and France [fo. 8, 14], and how it ought to stand by virtue of the late Treaty of Commerce, though the 8th and 9th articles thereof be not render'd effectual, was read; whereupon their lordships entred upon the consideration of it accordingly, and resolv'd to proceed further therein to-morrow morning; and in the meantime ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Carkesse [fo. 15], desiring him to move the Commissioners of her Majesty's Customs, that this Board may have an account of the exports and imports between Great Britain and France, from the 31st of March last to this time, as soon as possible.

Their lordships reconsidering the 3rd article of the Treaty of Commerce with Spain [fo. 11, 73], mentioned in the last minutes, as also some of the articles of commerce with Spain, as were propos'd by the merchants, receiv'd from Sir William Hodges (*Trade*, No. 29), immediately writ a letter to Mr. Secretary Bromley, informing him that though the duties payable at St. Mary's and Cadiz might be as low or lower than in other places of the King of Spain's dominions, yet the abatements made by the King, as also those by the farmers, were greater in the other parts of Spain than at Cadiz or St. Mary's; whereupon their lordships were sent for to the Lords of the Cabinet Council then sitting, and were directed by their lordships to consult with some merchants further upon this matter.

In the afternoon the Board did consult accordingly with Sir William Hodges, Mr. Mead, Mr. Dolliffe and Mr. Bowles [fo. 14],

*Representation about
councillors being
absent from their duty.*

Mr. Bernard.

Trade.
*Letter to Mr. Secretary
Bromley, with obser-
vations on Treaty of
Commerce with Spain.*

New England.
*Letter from Lord
Bolingbroke, with Mr.
Dummer's memorial
about capture of ships
at Tertuda.*

Trade.
*Letter from Lord
Bolingbroke about
state of commerce
between Great Britain
and France.*

*Letter to Mr. Carkesse,
for an account of ex-
ports and imports to
and from France.*

Trade.
*Treaty of Commerce
with Spain recon-
sider'd.*

*Letter to Mr. Secretary
Bromley thereupon.*

*Spanish merchants
consulted on this
matter.*

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and agreed upon several heads to be represented to the Lords of the Cabinet to-morrow morning.

September 30. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Vernon.

Trade.

Letter to Lords of the Cabinet Council about Treaty of Commerce with Spain.

Merchants summon'd thereupon.

Present state of commerce with France reconsider'd.

A letter to the Lords of the Cabinet Council, upon several heads relating to the Treaty of Commerce with Spain, as agreed yesterday, was sign'd, and by the Board deliver'd to the said Lords of the Cabinet [fo. 13], who thereupon directed the Board to summon the merchants to attend their lordships at my Lord Bolingbroke's office on Friday next at twelve of the clock. Whereupon order'd that Sir William Hodges, Mr. Dolliffe, Mr. Mead and Mr. Bowles [fo. 17], be writ to accordingly, and desir'd to bring along with them such other Spanish merchants as they may think proper.

The letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of the 28th September [fo. 12, 15], signifying her Majesty's pleasure that the Board immediately consider and report the present state of commerce with France, and how it ought to stand by virtue of the late treaty, though the 8th and 9th articles thereof be not render'd effectual, mention'd in the minutes of 29th September, was again read, and their lordships made a progress in considering the Treaty of Commerce with France.

October 1. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Vernon.

Miscellanies.
Mr. Sharp took his place at the Board.

Trade.

Letter from Mr. Carkesse about exports and imports to and from France.

Answer.

Treaty of Commerce with France.

Mr. Sharp, one of the new Commissioners named in the new commission [fo. 8, 39], mention'd in the minutes of the 18th of the last month, came and took his place at the Board.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse, of the 30th of September, desiring to know whether their lordships intended Dunkirk to be included in the account of exports and imports to and from France [fo. 13], that had been desired by the letter writ to him the 29th of the same month, was read ; and an answer return'd, that their lordships did desire Dunkirk to be included in that account.

Then their lordships resum'd the consideration of the Treaty of Commerce with France [fo. 14, 16], mention'd in yesterday's minutes, and made a progress therein.

October 2. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Vernon.

Nevis.
Mr. Streater.
Debentures deliver'd.

Mr. Smith.
Debentures deliver'd.

Trade.

Treaty of Commerce with France.

Mr. Streater attending, and the powers of attorney from several of the sufferers of Nevis to the said Streater, being examin'd at the Board, the four following debentures were deliver'd to him, vizt., numbers 421, 493, 497, and 557.

Mr. John Smith attending, and the powers of attorney from several of the sufferers of Nevis, to the said Smith, being examin'd at the Board, the two following debentures were deliver'd to him, vizt., 505 and 538.

Then their lordships proceeded further into the consideration of the Treaty of Commerce with France [fo. 15], and ordered that the 7th and 8th articles of the first specification annex'd to the said treaty be sent to Sir Nathanael Lloyd [fo. 22], and that he be desir'd

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to consider the same, with such other civilians as he shall think fit, and to let their lordships have their opinion whether the said articles are for the advantage of this kingdom; and, if so, that they would furnish their lordships with reasons to support the said articles when her Majesty's Commissaries shall meet with those to be appointed by France; and the said letter being drawn up accordingly, was approved by their lordships, and ordered to be sent.

Then the Lord High Treasurer, Lord President, Duke of Ormond, Lord Bolingbroke and Mr. Secretary Bromley coming to the Board, Sir William Hodges, Mr. Dolliffe, Mr. Mead, Mr. Bowles [*fo.* 14], with several other Spanish merchants, together with Mr. Gilligan, were call'd in, and being asked, on what foot the trade to Andaluzia stood in the time of King Charles the Second of Spain, they said:

That the duties in Andaluzia were high, but that after the King's abatement (which was 25 *per cent.*), and the farmer's abatement (which was uncertain and depended upon such agreement as the merchants cou'd make with the said farmers), the said duties did amount to ten *per cent. ad valorem*; that if they could be settled on the same foot of ten *per cent.*, they thought it would be an advantage; and they desired for the future, not to be upon uncertainties, nor to depend upon the will of the farmers; that other nations paid not above 7 or 8 *per cent.* in Andaluzia, upon goods of the like value, vizt. if the English import bays to the value of 100; and the French import linnen of the same value, their linnen shall not pay above 7 or 8, when our woollen pays 10 *per cent.*

But it being objected that this was not upon the same sort of goods, they said:

That Colchester bays paid about 11 *per cent.*, and Dutch woollen goods and Flanders says (which were much the same as our bays) paid not above 5 *per cent.*; and they own'd that if an Englishman imported French goods, he paid as much and no more than the French do; and in like manner, if the French imported English goods, they paid the same as we do.

Then being ask'd the same question in relation to Valentia, Arragon and Catalonia, they said:

That those provinces had great priviledges, and paid less customs than in Andaluzia, vizt., from 7 to 10 *per cent.*; that at Alicant there has been lately 8 *per cent.* more *ad valorem* required upon our goods than was in King Charles the Second's time; that there has not been at Alicant any printed book of rates since King Philip's being in Spain; that with the additional duty of 8 *per cent.* there, and the ordinary charges, they now pay at least 20 *per cent.* upon their goods.

That at Valentia, which has the same priviledges as Arragon, the[y] paid from 7 to 8 *per cent.*

That in the Canaries, they paid formerly but 6 *per cent. ad valorem*, but that afterwards one *per cent.* more was demanded

Letter to Sir Nathanael Lloyd for his and others' opinion on the 7th and 8th articles of the said treaty.

Spanish merchants' answer to queries relating to our trade to Spain.

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for repairing of the fortifications, so that they now pay 7 *per cent.*; and that they settle as well as they can with the customers the value of their goods, upon which the said duty is rais'd.

That Catalonia is much upon the same foot as Valentia; that goods carry'd by the way of Catalonia, Arragon or Valentia into the Castiles or Andaluzia, might pay at the Puerto Secos a duty equivalent to that of Andaluzia, but they believ'd that was never practis'd; for no merchant would ever send their goods to Madrid or other parts of the Castiles by those provinces, when they could do it by the way of Biscay in eight days' time, and for a quarter part of the charge.

That the foremention'd duties in Arragon, Valentia and Catalonia, were more favourable than those of Andaluzia by 2 or 3 *per cent.*, and were laid by the States of those provinces (more or less), as the exigencies requir'd.

That in Biscay and Guipuscoa, no duties are paid to the King, and only one duty of one *per cent.* to the Contraction House; the ports in Biscay and Guipuscoa being as free ports; but if our goods go out of those provinces into Castile, they then pay the Andaluzia duties.

These gentlemen being then asked what medium they could propose in order to the settling of a tariff between the duties of Andaluzia and those of Arragon, Valentia and Catalonia; they said they would consider thereof, and bring their lordships their answer in writing on Wednesday morning next [*fo.* 23].

October 6. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Vernon.

Mr. Dummer, Mr. Perry and several other gentlemen attending [*fo.* 12, 25], Mr. Dummer's petition, mention'd in the minutes of the 25th of the last month, relating to the New England ships being seiz'd at Tertuda by the Spaniards, was again read; and these gentlemen being ask'd some questions, they said that they could prove that the English had gather'd salt on the island of Tertuda without interruption for above 45 years past, and that they doubted not but they could find some old West Indians here in England, that would be able to prove that we gather'd salt there before the year 1667, and they promis'd to bring their lordships certificates of it accordingly. They added in discourse that, if the New England men were prohibited loading of salt there, it wou'd be an unspeakable loss to them, for that then they shou'd be obliged to buy it of the Dutch for the curing of their fish; that Barbadoes in particular wou'd suffer very much by such prohibition, the people of that island getting all their salt from Tertuda; that all the islands being supply'd with fish from New England for the food of their negro's, the said fish must be sold considerably dearer, if the New England men are obliged to buy their salt of the Dutch.

Mr. William Heysham, agent for Barbadoes, attending, presented to their lordships a memorial complaining of a trade carry'd on for rum, sugar and molosses [*fo.* 104], between Surinam and our northern colonies, and setting forth the damage it will be to Barbadoes

New England.

*Mr. Dummer &c.
about ships seiz'd by
the Spaniards at
Tertuda.*

*Ill consequence of
being prohibited load-
ing of salt there.*

New England. Barbadoes.

*Memorial from Mr.
Heysham. Illegal
trade between
Surinam and our
northern colonies.*

and the other sugar plantations, if that trade shou'd not be prevented; which memorial was read. Whereupon Mr. Heysham was acquainted that it would be proper to petition her Majesty thereupon.

Mr. Meriwether attending, and the powers of attorney from several of the sufferers of Nevis to him being examin'd at the Board, the five following debentures were deliver'd to him, vizt., numbers 499, 506, 544, 548, and 592.

Mr. James Butler attending, a debenture for his loss at Nevis was deliver'd to him, number 329.

Mr. Alexander Woodrop attending, and the powers of attorney from two of the sufferers of St. Christopher's to him, being examin'd at the Board, the debentures number'd 210 and 427 were deliver'd to him.

A letter from Sir Nathanael Lloyd [*fo. 16, v. infra*], of yesterday's date, in answer to one writ him the 2nd instant, upon the 7th and 8th articles of the first specification annex'd to the Treaty of Commerce with France, was read; and their lordships agreed to insert the said answer in the observations they shall make upon the said Treaty of Commerce.

October 7. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Vernon.

Their lordships made a further progress in the consideration of the Treaty of Commerce with France [*v. supra, fo. 40*].

Then my Lord High Treasurer, Lord President, Duke of Ormond, and Mr. Secretary Bromley coming to the Board, Sir William Hodges, Mr. Dolliffe, and several other Spanish merchants were called in, who presented to their lordships a memorial containing what they conceiv'd reasonable to be insisted on in regulating the customs on British goods [*fo. 20, 24*], which was read. They also presented to their lordships a representation of William Poulton, Consul at the Canaries, containing several particulars of what he conceiv'd might be of advantage to the British trade to those islands, if they cou'd be obtain'd of the King of Spain; and in discourse, these gentlemen said that British goods imported to Cadiz and paying the duties there, if they were afterwards sent to the Canaries, they did not there pay any new duty of entry.

That the goods imported into Biscay, pay besides the one *per cent.* to the Contractation House $2\frac{1}{2}$ *per cent.* more, if imported by foreigners; if by natives, they only pay the foresaid one *per cent.*

Those gentlemen further said that what they now laid before their lordships was done this morning in such haste, that they fear'd it was not so clear as it ought to be; and therefore, if their lordships wou'd allow them till Friday next, they wou'd reconsider it, and then bring their lordships another more perfect memorial, which their lordships agreed to.

October 9. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Vernon.

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Nevis.
Mr. Meriwether.
Debentures deliver'd.

Nevis.
Mr. Butler.
Debenture deliver'd.

St. Christopher's.
Mr. Woodrop.
Debentures deliver'd.

Trade.
Letter from Sir
Nathanael Lloyd on
the 7th and 8th articles
of the Treaty of Com-
merce with France.

Trade.
Treaty of Commerce,
France.

Merchants' memorial
about regulating the
customs on British
goods in Spain, and
Consul of the Canaries'
representation touch-
ing what might be of
advantage to the
British trade there.

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Trade.*Treaty of Commerce with Spain.**Letter from Sir William Hodges &c. with a second memorial about regulating the customs on British goods in Spain.**Letter to Mr. Secretary Bromley, inclosing the same.*

Their lordships, resuming the consideration of the draught of a Treaty of Commerce between Great Britain and Spain, the memorial, presented to the Board by several Spanish merchants the 7th instant, was again read ; after which Sir William Hodges attending [*fo.* 23], according to appointment, he was call'd in, and a letter from him to the secretary, with another memorial signed by himself and several of the said merchants on the same subject as that before mention'd, were read ; whereupon a copy being order'd to be kept of the first of the said memorials, and the original return'd to Sir William, as the merchants desire, the same was done accordingly.

Sir William Hodges being withdrawn, a letter to Mr. Secretary Bromley for transmitting to him a copy of the Spanish merchants' memorial, presented to their lordships this day, was drawn up and signed.

October 13. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Vernon.

New England. Papers from Mr. Dummer about the Island of Tertuda.

Mr. Dummer, agent for the province of the Massachusetts Bay, attending, he presented to their lordships a supplemental memorial [*fo.* 20], with several certificates from masters of ships, relating to the Island of Tertuda, and the English loading salt there, which were read.

Nevis. St. Christopher's. Mr. Duport. Debentures deliver'd.

Mr. Duport attending, and his letters of attorney from three of the sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's, being examin'd at the Board, the two debentures number'd 41 and 132 were deliver'd to him.

Nevis. Mr. Samuel Ball. Debentures deliver'd.

Mr. Samuel Ball attending likewise, and the letters of attorney to him from several of the sufferers at Nevis, being examin'd at the Board, the four debentures number'd 228, 536, 537, and 543 were deliver'd to him.

Mr. Walker, a debenture deliver'd.

Mr. Thomas Walker likewise attending, and the letter of attorney from Joshua Hobson, one of the sufferers at Nevis, to the said Walker, being examin'd at the Board, the debenture number'd 374, in the name of the said Hobson, was deliver'd to Mr. Walker.

St. Christopher's. Mr. Carpenter, junior. Debentures deliver'd.

Mr. Nathanael Carpenter, junior, attending likewise, and his powers of attorney from two of the sufferers at St. Christopher's being examin'd at the Board, the debentures number'd 599 and 600 were deliver'd to him.

Trade. Letter to Sir William Hodges. Bilboa, St. Ander.

Ordered that the secretary write to Sir William Hodges [*fo.* 27] for another copy of the agreement between the English factory at Bilboa and the town of St. Ander, as also how the trade to Bilboa has been carry'd on, and to desire an answer thereto, as soon as possible.

October 14. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Vernon.

Trade. Queries receiv'd from Mr. Secretary Bromley relating to the Treaty of Commerce with Spain.

The secretary laid before the Board the following queries he receiv'd yesterday from Mr. Secretary Bromley [*fo.* 27], for their lordships' answer, to be laid this day before the Lords of the Cabinet Council, vizt. :

In the 3rd article of the Treaty of Commerce with Spain, as prepared, there is a rule prescrib'd for adjusting the book

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of rates therein mentioned, but no provision for the duties to be paid till such book of rates is made. Would it not, therefore, be reasonable that the same rule should be the provision in the interim? Or can anything else be offer'd for that purpose? And may not inconvenience happen in the meantime for want of some provision?

Whether the general rules in the two first articles of the said treaty will put the trade on as good a foot as it was in the time of King Charles the Second of Spain?

Where the schedules annex'd to the treaty of 1667, mention'd in the Lords Commissioners for trade their first observation on the first article of the draught of the Treaty of Commerce with Spain, are to be found?

Whereupon the said queries being consider'd, an answer to the same was sign'd [*fo.* 26], and sent to the Lords of the Cabinet Council accordingly.

A letter from Sir William Hodges [*ibid.*], in answer to one writ him yesterday, relating to the trade of Bilboa, &c., was read.

Answer.

Trade.
Letter from Sir William Hodges. Bilboa.

October 15. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Vernon.

Mr. James Butler attending, and his letters of attorney from several of the sufferers at Nevis being examin'd at the Board, the eleven debentures number'd 475, 478, 484, 486, 488, 489, 553, 555, 559, 588, 591, were deliver'd to him.

Nevis.
Mr. Butler. Debentures deliver'd.

Mr. William Heysham, agent for Barbadoes, attending, and desiring their lordships would please to lay before her Majesty, as soon as may be, their opinion upon an Act passed in that island, the 1st of August, 1712, entituled—

Barbadoes.
Mr. Heysham, for the Board's report on an Act about Johanna Parris.

An Act to enable and impower the surviving acting executor of Johanna Parris, widow, deceased, to sell and dispose of certain lands, buildings and negro slaves, devised by the last will and testament of the said Johanna Parris, to and for the uses and purposes herein mention'd.

The said Act was laid before the Board, and Mr. Solicitor General's report upon it read. Whereupon the draught of a representation proposing her Majesty's royal approbation of the same, was agreed and order'd to be transcrib'd.

Draught of a representation thereupon.

Their lordships also agreed the draught of a representation order'd the 25th of September to be prepar'd for offering to her Majesty that Thomas Bernard, esquire, be constituted a member of the Council of Jamaica [*fo.* 11, 30], in the room of Colonel Long, who is absent, and order'd the same to be transcrib'd.

Jamaica.
Draught of a representation proposing a new councillor.

October 16. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Vernon.

Mr. John Tonstall attending, and his letters of attorney from Mr. John Griffin and Mr. William Wignall, sufferers at Nevis, being examin'd at the Board, two debentures number'd 492 and 512 were deliver'd to him.

Nevis.
Mr. Tonstall. Debentures deliver'd.

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Barbadoes.

*Representation on an
Act about Johanna
Parris.*

A representation, proposing the confirmation of an Act passed at Barbadoes the 1st of August, 1712 [*fo. 28 ; R. fo. 144*], entituled *An Act to enable and impower the surviving acting executor of Johanna Parris, widdow, deceased, to sell and dispose of certain lands, buildings and negro slaves devised by the last will and testament of the said Johanna Parris, to and for the uses and purposes herein mentioned,* agreed at the last meeting, was sign'd.

Jamaica.

*New councillor.
Representation.*

A representation, proposing Thomas Bernard, esquire, to be a member of her Majesty's Council of Jamaica [*fo. 29 ; R. fo. 144*], in the room of Charles Long, esquire, who has been absent several years without her Majesty's leave, agreed at the last meeting, was sign'd.

Trade.

*Portugal treaty re-
consider'd.*

Their lordships then took into consideration the letter from my Lord Bolingbroke of the 4th September, 1713 [*fo. 10, 31*], relating to a treaty with Portugal, and made a progress therein.

October 20. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Vernon.

Trade

*to Italy. Letter from
Lord Bolingbroke.*

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke of the 19th October, 1713 [*fo. 33, 37*], for what the Board has to offer in relation to our trade to Italy, was read; whereupon ordered that the same be taken into consideration the first opportunity.

Trade

*to Portugal recon-
sider'd.*

Their lordships, considering what advantage may now be obtain'd in the settlement of our commerce with Portugal, pursuant to her Majesty's directions signify'd to the Board by the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke's letter of the 4th September, 1713 [*fo. 30*], mention'd in the minutes of the 16th instant, the following treatys between England and that kingdom, were read, vizt.:

Treaty of peace and alliance between Oliver Cromwell, Protector of England, and the King of Portugal, made at Westminster July the 10th, 1654.

Marriage treaty of King Charles the Second with Portugal.

Treaty between her Majesty and the King of Portugal, concluded at Lisbon the 27th December, 1703.

*Draught of a treaty
to be prepar'd.*

Whereupon directions were given for preparing the draught of a Treaty of Commerce between Great Britain and Portugal [*fo. 36*].

Nevis.

*St. Christopher's.
List of sufferers
there, deliver'd Mr.
Campbell, &c.*

Mr. Campbell and Mr. Duport desiring a copy of the list of the sufferers of Nevis and St. Christopher's, for whom debentures have been sign'd by their lordships, and a copy of such a list having been prepar'd, and laid before the Board, ordered that the same be deliver'd to them.

October 22. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Vernon.

New York.

*Letter from the
Governor*

Papers referr'd to.

A letter from Colonel Hunter, Governor of New York, to the Board, dated the 18th July, 1713, was read; and the papers therein referr'd to laid before the Board, which are as follow, vizt.:

Four Acts passed at New York the 1st of July, 1713.

Journal of the Assembly of New York, from the 12th of May, 1713, to the 6th July following.

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Minutes of Council, and Council in Assembly, from the 12th March, 1712-13, to the 6th of July following.

A letter from Colonel Hunter to the secretary, of the 18th July last, was also read.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of the 19th October, 1713 [*fo. 30, v. infra*], for what the Board may have to offer in relation to our trade to Sicily, and the several parts of Italy, was again read. Whereupon ordered that the secretary write to Mr. Richard Frome, Mr. James Porten and Mr. Andrew Hopegood, junior [*fo. 34*], desiring them to consult such merchants concern'd in the trade of Sicily, as they shall think fit, in order that if anything shall, upon the said consultation, be thought necessary to be added to the memorial sign'd by them, and mention'd in the minutes of the 9th of December, 1712 [*P. fo. 253*], it may be laid before the Board in writing on Tuesday morning next, at ten of the clock.

Trade
to Sicily.

Merchants summon'd

October 27. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Vernon.

Their lordships taking again into consideration my Lord Bolingbroke's letter of the 19th instant, relating to the trade to Sicily &c. [*v. supra*], and Mr. Ball attending, and being ask'd several questions, he said,

Trade
to Sicily.

That it would be very much for the advantage of the trade of this kingdom, if it could be obtain'd, that we might import all sort of salt fish into Sicily, upon a moderate duty, and that we might sell it there either by wholesale or retale, as we should find it for our advantage.

Mr. Ball's answer
to queries.

That raw silk be permitted to be imported into Sicily from the kingdom of Naples, in order to be exported from Sicily to this kingdom.

That when British goods shall have once paid the duties of importation, they be permitted afterwards to be carry'd to any parts where the merchants shall think fit.

Then Mr. Hopegood and Mr. Porten attending, as they had been desir'd the 22nd instant [*fo. 33*], a memorial, in supplement to that which they had formerly deliver'd to the Board, and mention'd in the minutes of the 9th December last, was read; whereupon being ask'd several questions, they said:

Trade.
Sicily.
Mr. Hopegood and
Porten's supplemental
memorial.

That the duties on our goods imported into Sicily were very high, which they explain'd as follows, vizt., woollen goods paid about 6 and $\frac{1}{3}$ per cent., iron, lead and other weighty goods paid 3 per cent. *ad valorem*. But then the settling the value of such goods depended wholly upon the will of the farmer, so that sometimes they valued goods so high as that they have paid more customs than what they have actually sold their goods for. To remedy this inconvenience, they propos'd that it should be stipulated with the King of Sicily that, when British merchants import goods into Sicily, and they can't agree with the farmer about the value, they may be permitted to ship those goods off again without paying any duty.

Their answer to
queries.

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They said that the additional duty of 12s. 6d. mention'd in their memorial to be laid on sugars, was done during the late war.

They added, that at Leghorn the French Consul was permitted to appoint a person to be one of the office of Sanita there, and that it would be for our advantage if one of her Majesty's subjects was in like manner admitted to the same office.

Then these gentlemen being desir'd to give their lordships their reasons for insisting on what they desire in relation to tobacco, fish and sugar, they promis'd to do it accordingly.

October 29. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Vernon.

Nevis.
St. Christopher's.
Requisites to be perform'd by the sufferers there.
Letter from Mr. Lowndes.

Mr. Campbell attending, he presented to their lordships a letter from Mr. Lowndes, of 28th instant, by order of my Lord High Treasurer, desiring the Board to lay before his lordship the several requisites to be perform'd by the sufferers of Nevis and St. Christopher's [*fo.* 37], before they could be entituled to debentures for their losses, as also by what sort of evidence it appear'd to the Board the said requisites had been perform'd and comply'd with; which letter was read, and directions given for preparing an answer thereto.

Trade.
Treaty of Commerce with Portugal.

Their lordships then took into consideration the draught of a Treaty of Commerce with Portugal [*fo.* 31, 40], and made a progress therein.

October 30. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Vernon.

Nevis.
St. Christopher's.
Requisites to be perform'd by the sufferers there. Letter to Lord High Treasurer.

A letter to the Lord High Treasurer, in answer to one from Mr. Lowndes, by his lordship's order, relating to the several requisites to be perform'd by the sufferers of Nevis and St. Christopher's [*fo.* 36], before they could be entituled to debentures for their losses, &c., mention'd in yesterday's minutes, was sign'd.

Trade
to Sicily.
Letter to Lord Viscount Bolingbroke.

A letter to the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, in answer to his lordship's of the 19th instant [*fo.* 30], relating to the trade to Sicily, and several parts of Italy, was sign'd.

Montserrat.
Letter from Mr. Lowndes.

A letter from Mr. Lowndes to the secretary, of the 28th instant, inclosing, by order of the Lord High Treasurer, a representation from the Commissioners of the Customs, relating to a complaint against Captain Marshall, Lieutenant Governor of Montserrat, for having discouraged the Custom House officers in the execution of their duty in that island, in order that such direction be given by this Board as may prevent the like complaint for the future, was read.

November 4. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Sharp.

Jamaica.
Order of Council. Petition of Kupius. Escheat.

An Order of Council, of the 1st of October, 1713, referring to the Board the petition of Johanna Kupius, relating to an escheat at Jamaica [*fo.* 40], was read.

Another petition from the said persons, praying to be heard by counsel upon the said matter, was also read. Whereupon ordered that they be heard, according to their petition, on Thursday, the 12th instant, and that Mr. Thurston, agent for the Lord Archibald Hamilton, have notice thereof, that he may prepare council, in behalf of the Lord Archibald Hamilton, against the said time.

November 6. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts.

Mr. Pytts this day came and took his place at the Board [*fo.* 15], according to her Majesty's commission, mention'd in the minutes of the 18th September last.

A letter from Mr. Lewis, of yesterday's date, desiring, by order of Mr. Secretary Bromley, to know when the Board will have finish'd their report upon the project of a Treaty of Commerce with the Spanish Netherlands [*fo.* 42, 295], was read; and their lordships then read a letter from Mr. Secretary Bromley, of the 8th of October last, as also the said project therein referr'd to, and ordered that the Flanders merchants have notice to attend their lordships on Tuesday next at eleven a clock in the morning. And further ordered that the secretary acquaint Mr. Lewis that their lordships hop'd to be ready in this matter by Wednesday or Thursday next.

A letter from Mr. Tilson, of the 4th November, by order of my Lord Bolingbroke, desiring dispatch in the Treaties of Commerce with France and Portugal [*fo.* 36, 41, 50], was read; whereupon they agreed to proceed thereupon out of hand.

A petition from Mr. Thurston, agent for the Lord Archibald Hamilton, Governor of Jamaica, desiring that the hearing relating to the escheated estate of Mrs. Kupius, deceas'd [*fo.* 38, 52], appointed to be on Thursday next, be put off to a further day, by reason that his council could not be ready so soon, was read; and thereupon ordered that the said hearing be put off till Tuesday, the first of December next.

November 10. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

A letter from Mr. Tilson, of the 6th instant, desiring to know, by order of my Lord Bolingbroke, when their lordships will be ready to send him what they have to offer in relation to the Treaty of Commerce with Portugal, was read; and the secretary acquainted the Board that he had inform'd Mr. Tilson that, before the receipt of his former letter, mention'd in the minutes of the 6th instant [*fo.* 40, *v. infra*], their lordships had made a considerable progress in that matter, and that he hop'd they might be ready to lay the same before his lordship in a few days.

Then Mr. Dorpere attending, as ordered at the last meeting, their lordships made a progress in considering the Treaty of Commerce with the Spanish Netherlands, and agreed to proceed further therein to-morrow morning.

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*Petition for hearing
by counsel.
Hearing appointed.
Notice to Mr.
Thurston.*

Miscellanies.

*Mr. Pytts taking his
place.*

Trade.

*Letter from Mr.
Lewis.
Netherlands.
Treaty of Commerce.
Letter from Mr.
Secretary Bromley.
Flanders merchants
summon'd.*

*Letter from Mr.
Tilson Lord Boling-
broke. Treaties of
Commerce, France,
Portugal.*

Jamaica.

*Petition from Mr.
Thurston.
Escheat of Kupius.*

Hearing put off.

Trade.

*Letter from Mr.
Tilson. Lord Boling-
broke. Treaty of
Commerce, Portugal.*

*Mr. Dorpere.
Treaty of Commerce,
Netherlands.*

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Trade.

Letter from Lord
Bolingbroke. Treaties
of Commerce ;
Portugal, France.

Netherlands.
Treaty of Commerce.

Letter to Mr. Secretary
Bromley.

Letter from Mr.
Ball. Tobacco at
Leghorne.

November 11. Present :—Lord Guilford, Mr. Monckton, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

A letter from my Lord Bolingbroke, of the 9th instant, desiring the Board to dispatch their observations upon the Treaties of Commerce with Portugal and France, was read [*v. supra*, fo. 43] ; whereupon they agreed to consider that of Portugal to-morrow.

Their lordships then proceeded further in the consideration of the Treaty of Commerce with the Spanish Netherlands [*fo.* 39, *v. infra*], and went through the same, and gave directions for preparing the draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary Bromley, with their lordships' observations thereupon.

Mr. Vernon communicated to the Board a letter from Mr. Robert Ball to him, relating to the importation and sale of tobacco at Leghorne, which was read.

November 12. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Their lordships again considering some of the articles of the project of a Treaty of Commerce with the Spanish Netherlands [*v. supra*, fo. 44], ordered that the 20th article of the said treaty be sent to Mr. Carkesse [*fo.* 47], and that he be desir'd to let their lordships have the opinion of the Commissioners of her Majesty's Customs thereupon.

Then their lordships took into consideration the draught of a Treaty of Commerce with Portugal [*fo.* 41, 45], and made a progress therein ; and ordered that Sir Samuel Clarke, Mr. Charles Houblon, Mr. Milner and Mr. Lordell be acquainted that their lordships desire to speak with them, on Tuesday next at ten of the clock in the morning, upon the subject of the trade to Portugal ; and that they be desired, in case they have anything to offer to their lordships for the advantage of the said trade, that they would bring it with them in writing.

And further ordered that the 17th, 19th, 20th and 24th articles of the aforesaid project be sent to Sir Nathanael Lloyd [*fo.* 47], to desire him to consult with the other civilians, and to let their lordships have their opinion upon the said articles.

November 13. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of yesterday's date, inclosing an extract of one from Mr. Herne, Consul at Alicant, complaining of the discouragements given there to our woollen and tobacco trade, was read ; and a letter to his lordship in answer thereto, as likewise giving the reason for not having compleated the project of a Treaty of Commerce with Portugal, and promising their observations upon the Treaty of Commerce with France in a short time, was drawn up, and sign'd.

A letter to Mr. Secretary Bromley, signifying that their lordships will transmit their observations on the project of a Treaty of Commerce with the Spanish Netherlands [*fo.* 42, 102], so soon as they have receiv'd the opinion of the Commissioners of the Customs upon some articles thereof, was sign'd.

Trade.

Letter from Lord
Bolingbroke.
Mr. Herne at Alicant.
Woollen and tobacco
trade there.
Letter to Lord
Bolingbroke.
Treaties.

Letter to Mr. Secretary
Bromley. Treaty
with the Netherlands.

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November 17. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Carkesse, to remind him of that writ him the 12th instant, for the opinion of the Commissioners of the Customs upon the 20th article of a project of a Treaty of Commerce with Flanders.

Sir Samuel Clarke, Mr. Lordell and Mr. Milner attending [*fo.* 43], as they had been desir'd the 12th instant, their lordships acquainted them that they had under consideration the draught of a Treaty of Commerce with Portugal, and desir'd to know whether they had anything to offer upon that subject. Whereupon they said that the treaties of 1654 and 1661 provided very well for our trade; that the representation of this Board of the 23rd November, 1709, contain'd what they had to complain of, which representation was read [*Trade E., fo.* 467], and being ask'd thereupon whether they desir'd any alteration in the duties as they were paid in the year 1653 (as mention'd in the 2nd article of the project), they said that those were the duties they now pay; that the duties upon our goods inwards were very reasonable, and that they did not complain of any hardship put upon them by the treaty of 1654, but only of infractions of that treaty, and particularly that as that treaty provides her Majesty's subjects may trade to the Brazils from Portugal, the same is now evaded them by the Portuguese; and therefore they propos'd that the said treaty might be again stipulated in all its parts.

Then being ask'd whether, if provision was made to pay the duties and Customs which have been paid in Portugal within six months, twelve months or two years last past, upon British goods imported there, wou'd be sufficient; or in what other manner they thought it might be more effectually provided, that the duties and Customs upon our importations might not be increas'd; they said that they had no objection to such a provision, but as they are upon a very easy foot for their importations, they submitted it to their lordships, whether the mentioning this matter in the treaty might not put the Portuguese in mind of raising the said duty of importations.

Being ask'd their opinion upon the method of loading and unloading ships, mention'd in the third article, and of weighing the goods on board ships, mention'd in the tenth article, they said that those articles were very much for their advantage.

Then being further ask'd whether they desir'd that their appeals should be to the Court of Relations, or to the Council of War, they said they had always been well treated by the said Court of Relations, and therefore did not desire to change.

The tenth article of the project being read to them, they said they had no objections to it, and desir'd it might be stipulated as it is.

After this, these gentlemen being desir'd to reconsider these matters, and, if they had anything to offer, to let their lordships have it in writing, they promis'd to do the same accordingly on Thursday next,

Trade.
Flanders treaty.
Letter to Mr.
Carkesse.

*Portugal merchants
about treaty with that
kingdom.*

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November 18. Present:—Lord Guilford, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse [*fo.* 42, 48], secretary to the Commissioners of the Customs, promising a speedy answer to one writ him the 12th instant, about an article to be inserted in the Treaty of Commerce with the Spanish Netherlands, was read.

A report from Sir Nathanael Lloyd [*fo.* 43, 48], in answer to a letter writ him the 16th instant, desiring his observations on the 17th, 19th, 20th and 24th articles of a project of a Treaty of Commerce with Portugal, was read.

Their lordships again enter'd into the consideration of the project of a Treaty of Commerce with Portugal, and made a further progress therein.

November 19. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse, of the 18th instant [*fo.* 47, 49], with the opinion of the Commissioners of the Customs, upon the 20th article of the Treaty of Commerce with Flanders, sent to Mr. Carkesse the 12th instant, was read.

A letter from Mr. Milner, signifying that he had consulted several of the Portugal merchants, and that they had nothing more to offer, in relation to the Treaty of Commerce with Portugal, than what was already before their lordships, was read.

Their lordships then went through the consideration of the said Treaty of Commerce [*fo.* 49], and order'd the same, and the papers relating thereunto, to be transcrib'd.

November 20. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

A letter to the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke [*fo.* 48, 95], inclosing the draught of a Treaty of Commerce with Portugal, was sign'd.

Order'd that a letter be writ to Mr. Carkesse [*fo.* 48, 53], for an account of what sort of linnens they are that are imported from Flanders and other countries, of the same sorts that paid different duties, and what that difference is; as also for an account of the other reasons mention'd in the report of the officers of the Customs, read yesterday, against the 20th clause of the Treaty of Commerce.

November 24. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Their lordships took into consideration the Treaty of Commerce with France [*fo.* 40, 51], and agreed to proceed further on Thursday morning next.

Ordered that Mr. Dummer be desired to attend the Board on Friday morning next [*fo.* 53], in relation to the island of Tertuda.

Trade.

*Letter from Mr.
Carkesse.
Treaty of Commerce,
Netherlands.*

*Report from Sir
Nathanael Lloyd.
Portugal treaty.*

Consider'd.

Trade.

*Letter from Mr.
Carkesse.
Flanders treaty.*

*Letter from Mr.
Milner.*

Portugal treaty.

To be transcrib'd.

Trade.

*Letter to Lord
Bolingbroke with
Portugal treaty.*

*Letter to Mr. Carkesse
for account of duties
on Flanders linnen.*

Trade.

Treaty with France.

New England.

*Island of Tertuda.
Mr. Dummer sum-
mon'd.*

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November 26. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

A letter from Mr. Tilson, of the 20th instant, by order of the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, referring to the consideration of this Board the extract of a letter from Mr. Prior, of the 20th of October last, relating to a Consul at Malta, was read. Whereupon ordered that Mr. Richard Frome, Mr. Andrew Hopegood, junior, and Mr. James Porteen [*fo.* 57], be desir'd to attend their lordships on Thursday morning next.

An Order of Council, of the 8th August, 1713, referring to the Board a petition from Captain Cyprian Southack [*fo.* 56], commander of the *Province* gally of the Massachusetts Bay, employ'd in the expedition against Canada, was read; whereupon their lordships resolving to take the same into consideration on Wednesday morning next, ordered that such person or persons as are concern'd for Captain Southack, have notice to attend the Board at the same time.

Their lordships then resuming the consideration of the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke's letters of the 2nd and 28th of September last (which were read the 18th and 29th of the same month) relating to the trade between Great Britain and France [*fo.* 50], and a copy of Mr. Attorney General's report of the 30th September, 1713 [*Trade Entry* I, 44], relating to the legality of her Majesty's taking off the duty of five shillings per ton on French ships here, when ours are exempted from paying the duty of 50 sols per ton in France, being read, their lordships made a progress in that matter, and resolv'd to proceed further therein to-morrow morning.

November 27. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Foley, Mr. Pytts.

Mr. William Bowden attending, and his letter of attorney from James Milliken and Joseph Hobson, guardians of John and Joseph Oraines, who were sufferers by the French invasion at Nevis, being examin'd at the Board, the debenture number'd 155, in the names of the said John and Joseph Oraines, was deliver'd to Mr. Bowden.

A letter from Mr. Attorney General, signifying that by reason of his and Mr. Solicitor General's being oblig'd to attend the Council at Windsor, they could (*sic*) not be able to attend this Board on Tuesday, the 1st of December, the day appointed for a hearing relating to the estate of Mrs. Kupius [*fo.* 40, 60], escheated by the Lord Archibald Hamilton, Governor of Jamaica (as mention'd in the minutes of the 6th instant), was read. Whereupon ordered that the said hearing be adjourn'd to Friday next, the 4th of December, and that the parties concern'd have notice thereof.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse, secretary to the Commissioners of the Customs, of the 26th [*fo.* 49], in answer to a letter writ him the 20th instant, relating to several sorts of linnen imported from Flanders, which pay higher duties than the like sorts imported from other parts, &c., was read; and Mr. Tower and Mr. Andrews, two officers of the Customs, attending, they acquainted the Board that pursuant to the foremention'd letter of the 20th instant

Trade.

Letter from Mr. Tilson, with extract of one from Mr. Prior. Consul at Malta.

Merchants summon'd.

New England.

Order of Council on the petition of Captain Southack. Canada expedition.

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with France reconsider'd.

Nevis.

Mr. Bowden. Debentures delivered.

Jamaica.

Letter from Mr. Attorney General.

Kupius's hearing adjourn'd.

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Letter from Mr. Carkesse about duties on Flanders linnen.

Officers of the Customs' report thereupon.

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they had prepar'd a report to the said Commissioners of the Customs, who order'd them to lay it before their lordships, which they now did accordingly, and the same was read.

December 1. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

New England.
*Mr. Dummer &c.
on his memorials
about capture of ships
by the Spaniards at
Tertudas.*

*Address from the
Massachusetts Bay
thereupon.*

Mr. Dummer attending [fo. 50, 54], with Mr. Ludwell, of Virginia, Colonel Cleland and Mr. Woodbridge, of Barbadoes, Mr. Dummer's memorials relating to the seizing of several New England ships by the Spaniards, as they were lading salt at Tertudas (mention'd in the minutes of the 25th September and 13th October last), were again read ; and Mr. Dummer thereupon acquainted their lordships that he had lately receiv'd an address from the Governor, Council and Assembly of the Massachusetts Bay to her Majesty, complaining of the forementioned captures, and praying her Majesty's interposition with the Court of Spain therein. And these gentlemen being ask'd several questions thereupon, they all agreed that if the Spaniards should continue to take our ships gathering salt there, it would not only be of very great prejudice to our governments on the Continent, but entirely ruin us (*sic*) to our sugar plantations, more especially to Barbadoes, for that the planters could not maintain and provide for their negro's without the salt mackrel and scale fish from New England.

Bahama's.
New England.
*Captain Martin's cer-
tificate about ships
taken by the Spaniards
going to load salt at
the Bahama's.
Draught of a repre-
sentation.*

Then Mr. Dummer [fo. 53, 60] presented to their lordships a certificate from Captain John Martin, relating to the Spaniards having taken several English vessels of New England, Bermuda &c., going to load salt at the Bahama Islands, which was read ; and their lordships gave directions for preparing the draught of a representation upon this whole matter [fo. 88].

Trade.
*Letter to Mr. Secretary
Bromley. Treaty with
Spanish Netherlands.*

The draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary Bromley, in answer to his of the 8th October last, upon the project of a Treaty of Commerce between Great Britain and the Spanish Netherlands [*v. infra*], was agreed, and order'd to be transcrib'd.

December 2. Present :—Lord Guilford, Mr. Monckton, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Trade.
*Letter to Mr. Secretary
Bromley. Treaty of
Commerce.
Netherlands.*

A letter to Mr. Secretary Bromley, in answer to his of the 8th October last, upon the project of a Treaty of Commerce between Great Britain and the Spanish Netherlands [*v. supra*, fo. 295], mention'd in yesterday's minutes, was sign'd.

Pennsylvania.
*Letter to Mr. Borrett.
Laws with Mr.
Solicitor General.*

Ordered that the secretary write to Mr. Borrett, Solicitor to the Treasury, to remind him of what was written to Mr. Solicitor General and himself, the 3rd of August last, upon several Acts of Pennsylvania, and desiring Mr. Solicitor General's opinion thereupon, without delay.

December 3. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Leeward Islands.
*Mr. Heysham.
Debentures.*

William Heysham, esquire, attending, and the powers of attorney from several of the sufferers at St. Christopher's to himself and his brother Robert Heysham, esquire, being examin'd at the Board,

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Mr. William Heysham's receipts were taken for the six debentures number'd 232, 608, 624, 626, 627 and 645; and the said debentures order'd to remain in the office till Mr. Robert Heysham shall sign the said receipts also.

Mr. Richard Baker attending, and his letters of attorney from some of the sufferers at Nevis being examin'd at the Board, the debentures number'd 410 and 521 were deliver'd to him.

Mr. Benjamin Edmonds attending [*fo.* 51], in behalf of Captain Southack, commander of the *Province* galley of the Massachusetts Bay, the said Southack's petition, referr'd to this Board by the Order of Council of the 8th August, mention'd in the minutes of the 26th of the last month, was again read; and after some discourse with Mr. Edmonds thereupon, he acquainted their lordships that Captain Southack was desirous the government of New England might pay his demands, in case it should not be thought fit for her Majesty to pay him here, and hop'd their lordships would accordingly represent it; whereupon the Board resolv'd to take this matter again into consideration on Tuesday morning next.

Mr. Hopegood and Mr. Porteen attending [*fo.* 51, 59], as they had been desir'd the 26th of the last month, the extract of Mr. Prior's letter of the 20th October, with the memorial relating to the English Consulship at Malta, inclos'd in Mr. Tilson's letter, mention'd in the minutes of the said 26th of the last month, were read; whereupon these gentlemen said that though the English Consul at Messina has a power by his patent to name a deputy for Malta, the great Master never did admit of such nomination, but has always appointed the Consul there himself, and that he never did allow any Protestant in that employment for longer than twelve months. Mr. Hopegood and Mr. Porteen likewise acquainted the Board that they have no objection to Mr. Rigord, mention'd in the aforesaid memorial, nor to the nomination of a Consul by the great Master, they having always found ready assistance from such Consul, who, 'tis natural to believe, will have more interest with the great Master than a deputy nam'd by the Consul at Messina; and they did not apprehend any inconvenience from the said nomination, especially considering we have little or no trade directly to that island, but only by ships touching there in their way to or from other places.

Then the letter from Mr. Tilson of the 20th November, by order of the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, with the copy and a translation of the convention made in February last, with the Duke of Savoy, relating to the trade to Sicily, were read in presence of these gentlemen, who being ask'd if they desir'd anything further for the advantage of our trade in those parts, they said they were satisfy'd with what is there stipulated, and had nothing more to ask.

December 4. Present:—Lord Guilford, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

A letter to the Lord Bolingbroke, upon the memorial from the Ambassador of Malta, at Paris [*fo.* 57], relating to the nomination

*Mr. Baker.
Debentures.*

*Massachusetts.
Mr. Edmonds about
Southack.*

*Trade.
Hopegood.
Porteen.
Consul at Malta.*

*Convention about
trade with Sicily.*

*Trade.
Letter to Lord
Bolingbroke about
Consul at Malta.*

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*Letter from Lord
Bolingbroke.
Commissaries for
French trade.
Article with Portugal
about negro's.
Letter to Mr. Pery.*

*Royal African
Company.*

*New England.
Letter from Lord
Bolingbroke. Case
of ships seiz'd at
Tertudos.*

*Jamaica.
Hearing about escheat
of Kupius's estate.*

*Sir Peter King opens
the case.*

of an English Consul for that island, mention'd in the minutes of the 26th of November last, was sign'd.

A letter from the Lord Bolingbroke, of the 3rd instant, relating to the Board's preparing instructions &c^a. for Commissaries to treat with those of France [fo. 69], and to an article to be desir'd of Portugal about carrying negro's to the Brazils, was read; whereupon ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Pery, secretary to the African Company, to acquaint him that their lordships having propos'd to her Majesty that application be made at the Court of Portugal for liberty to import negro's into the Brazils [fo. 65], by her Majesty's subjects, they are desirous to discourse with any of the Royal African Company, or any other persons as are best acquainted with that trade, on Tuesday next.

A letter from the Lord Bolingbroke, of the 3rd instant, referring to the Board the abstract of the case of several ships being seiz'd by the Spaniards for lading salt at Tertudos [fo. 54, 74], was read; whereupon their lordships resolv'd to reconsider the abovemention'd two letters on Tuesday morning next.

Mr. Whitlock [fo. 52, 98], agent for Joanna Kupius, &c., attending with Sir Peter King, their counsel; and Mr. Thurston, agent for the Lord Archibald Hamilton, attending with Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor General, the Order of Council of the 1st of October last, referring to the Board the petition of the said Joanna, &c., mention'd in the minutes of the 4th of November last, together with the said petition, were read; and Sir Peter King open'd the case of the petitioners, as follows:

First, he set forth that the petitioners were the nearest relations of Williamina Kupius, deceas'd; as set forth in the petition, and offer'd to prove the same, but that it was not contested by the other side. He said, that William Kupius, a Dutch man, went over to Jamaica, upon encouragement of an Act passed there in the time of King Charles the Second, for encouraging the settling of that island (First Vol. Laws, fo. 103). That he was there naturalized pursuant to the said Act, and bought the estate for which the petitioners now pray. That when he dy'd, he left two children; that the said two children are also dead; that the petitioners did not claim by virtue of any right as nearest relations, being aliens, and not qualify'd to inherit; but being willing to make themselves capable of a grant, he hop'd her Majesty would, after they had so done, be graciously pleas'd to make them a grant of the said estate in consideration of their proximity of blood.

That this is not without precedent, he instanced in the case of the daughter of Sir Edward Thomas, who was born in Holland, and marry'd there to a foreigner, and by consequence, upon her father's death, could not inherit to his estate in Jamaica, till, upon application to his late Majesty about the year 1688, the husband was endenized, and had a grant of that estate.

Sir Peter then took notice that the estate in question was very much under-valued in the inquisition of the jury; for that

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he was inform'd it had been let for 300*l.* a year; and he call'd upon Mr. Joseph Hodges, of Jamaica, who acquainted their lordships that he had seen the counterpart of the lease of that estate, whereby it appear'd that it was let at 300*l.* a year; he added that the value of working negro's in Jamaica was from 20*l.* to 25*l.* per head, that the children were of much less value. Sir Peter also produced a letter from Mr. Anthony Swymmer, tenant to that estate, wherein he writ that he gave 300*l.* a year for it; and Sir Peter added that the petitioners were desirous to be naturalized or endenized, and did intend, if her Majesty would be graciously pleas'd to grant them the estate petition'd for, to go and live upon it.

What Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor General said in answer to this, is as follows:

*Mr. Attorney and
Mr. Solicitor General's
answer.*

That what the Lord Archibald Hamilton had done in this matter, had been by impartial proceedings according to the common forms of law in that island; that it has been the constant practice of all Governors to encourage the discovery of the title of the Crown to any lands escheated, by promising the grant thereof to the discoverers, who, relying upon such promises, have been at the charge of the prosecutions, and that therefore, if those promises be not made good, but the grants given to other persons, no further discoveries of that nature can be expected; and the benefit thereby will be lost to the Crown.

That the Act which gives the Crown a title by escheats (*Jamaica Laws*, Printed, Vol. I, fo. 73), gives the Governor the power of making grants thereof, which was very reasonable, for if the Governor have not such power the estates must go to ruin, because nobody that is not in expectation of the grant, will be at the expence of maintaining and keeping up the same, especially if it be a sugar work. That the Act for raising a revenue &c. passed in November, 1703, appropriates the value of the escheats, as return'd by the juries, to the support of the government of that island, so that whoever has the grant must pay to the Government there the value the jury has return'd.

In answer to what Sir Peter said, as to the value of the estate of Kupius, they said that the inquisition had been made by a jury upon oath, and by them return'd to the Supream Court, who are empower'd (if they had thought the estate under valu'd) to order a new inquisition, which not being done, 'twas reasonable to believe they did not think it so. However, there may be a new inquisition at any time, if there be any reason to suspect that the return of this is not right; but besides, there was a great deal of difference to be made as to the value between a plantation (especially a sugar work) that is well stock'd, and one that is not. And Mr. Rigby inform'd their lordships that estates in Jamaica were seldom, if ever, sold for above six years' purchase; that working slaves there are let from four to five pounds per annum; that the children of negro's, till they are able to work, are a burthen to an estate; for that they are taxed as grown negro's; that since her Majesty's instructions restraining the Governor

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from granting escheats, several escheats have layn waste, and the island has been forced to raise about ten thousand pounds for the support of the government, which was formerly supply'd by the value of escheats sold there.

December 8. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Trade.
*Members of African
Company about carry-
ing negro's to the
Brazils.*

Mr. Pindar, Mr. Hopegood and other members of the Royal African Company, attending, as they had been desir'd the 4th instant, their lordships communicated to them the last paragraph of their letter of the 20th of the last month to the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, relating to our importing negro's into the Brazils [*fo. 59*], as also what my Lord Bolingbroke has written to their lordships thereupon in his letter of the 3rd instant. Whereupon Mr. Pindar said, that he did not think it was our interest to carry negro's to the Brazils, that would make the price of negro's in our plantations (where there is a great demand for them) much dearer; that it is our interest that the price of negro's at the Brazils should be kept up as high as possible; that the Portuguese, who can get but few of their own, ought to buy what they want of us upon the coast of Africa, as they have hitherto done at 50 *per cent.* dearer than they cost us; for if we carry them to Brazil, the Portuguese will not buy them but at their own price. And he acquainted their lordships that Captain Boun, who has lately been there, is now in town, and they promis'd to send him to wait on their lordships on Thursday morning next.

Merchants summon'd.

These gentlemen being withdrawn, ordered that Mr. Robert Nightingale, Mr. Francis Chamberlain, Mr. Richard Harris and Mr. Charles Kent [*v. infra*] be desired to attend the Board on Thursday morning next.

December 10. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Trade.
*Merchants et al'
about carrying negro's
to the Brazils.*

Mr. Robert Heysham, Mr. Kent, Mr. Harris and Captain Boun attending [*v. supra, fo. 69*], as directed the last meeting, and being ask'd their opinion about our having a liberty of importing negro's into the Brazils from the coast of Africa,

Mr. Heysham said, it would certainly be an increase of the trade and navigation of this kingdom, but he doubted whether it would not be a prejudice to the plantations; for that we should certainly send our negro's to the best market, and the Portuguese do and will give more for negro's than the planters do.

Mr. Kent said, that he did not apprehend any ill consequence to the plantations by it; for, if we do not supply the Portuguese, they will have negro's of their own, or from the Dutch, French or Brandenburghers, and therefore he thought we had better supply them, than let other nations do it. If we only were possess'd of the negro trade, it would not then be advisable to furnish the Portuguese with negro's in the Brazils; for that, if they had plenty of negro's, they would again resume their sugar-works, which have of late been neglected. He added, that the dearness of negro's

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is not a disadvantage to our plantations ; for, if negro's were cheap, and the French could be supply'd with them at easy rates, they would be able to improve their plantations on Hispaniola to that degree, as to be in a condition to outdo our sugar plantations ; and therefore he thought it an advantage to have negro's dear.

Mr. Harris agreed in the main with what Mr. Kent had said, but he also doubted that for a year or two, the furnishing negro's to the Brazils would be a disadvantage to the plantations.

Captain Boun said, that he had liv'd at the Brazils about eighteen months, and was but lately come from thence ; that the Portuguese employ their negro's both in their sugar-works and in their gold mines ; and he was of opinion, the more negro's they have, the more sugar they'll make. But he did not think the Portuguese would ever allow us to carry negro's directly thither, and besides he thought it would be destructive to the plantations.

These gentlemen were then desir'd to reconsider this matter, and to attend again on Tuesday morning next thereupon ; and their lordships gave directions that Mr. Thurston, agent for Jamaica, Colonel Jory, and Mr. Duport for the Leeward Islands, and Mr. William Heysham for Barbadoes, with Mr. Rowland Tryon, Colonel Sharpe and Colonel Cleland, be desir'd to attend at the same time, with any planters or merchants concern'd in the trade to those places.

*Agents and others
summon'd.*

December 11. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Their lordships now made a progress in what is referr'd to them in relation to a Treaty of Commerce with France [fo. 59, 72].

*Trade.
Treaty of Commerce.
France.*

December 15. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Mr. William Heysham, Mr. Rowland and Mr. William Tryon, Colonel Cleland, Colonel Sharpe, Mr. Duport, Mr. Chester, Mr. Kent, Mr. Harris and Captain Boun attending [fo. 66, 99], as desir'd the 10th instant, in relation to the advantage or disadvantage it may be for Great Britain to have a liberty of importing negro's into the Brazils from the coast of Africa.

*Trade.
Merchants about
carrying negro's to
the Brazills.*

Mr. Heysham said, it was his opinion our carrying negro's to the Brazils would be prejudicial to our plantations in America ; for that such supply of negro's to the Portuguese in Brazil would enable them the easier and cheaper to produce sugars, whereas it would have a contrary effect on our plantations, whereby the Portuguese would under-sell us in that commodity in the markets of Europe.

But it being ask'd of these gentlemen, whether, after the British plantations had a sufficient annual supply of negro's at moderate rates, it would not be our interest to carry the surplus to the Brazils, rather than suffer the Portuguese themselves, the French, Dutch or Brandenburgishers to have that benefit, as at present, since there seems now to be a favourable opportunity of procuring the

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British subjects to be admitted at least into a share of this trade.

Colonel Cleland answer'd, that it was impossible our plantations should leave any surplus of negro's; that the only method which seem'd to him capable of supporting our Colonies in so declining a condition, was, that we should endeavour to exclude all other nations from the negro trade, &c., on the coast of Africa; that the ground in Brazil being much more fertile than our plantations, which Captain Boun, who had liv'd there eighteen months, and was lately come from thence, affirm'd to their lordships, and a less number of negro's requir'd to cultivate the same, the Portuguese could afford to give better prices for negro's, so that our Colonies would not be supply'd, and our rivals in the sugar trade very much encouraged.

Whereupon Mr. Kent reply'd, that Colonel Cleland's proposal of our getting the whole trade for negro's, &c., on the coast of Africa, would be of extraordinary benefit, were it practicable; that the Dutch, Brandenburgers, and others as well as the Portuguese, would not be prevented carrying negro's to the Brazils, and that the cheapness of negro's in America would put the French in a condition to cultivate more land in St. Domingo, which, as it was more fruitful than ours, would be a more immediate detriment to our trade. And Mr. Harris observ'd that the extraordinary profit of a negro's labour in the mines about the producing sugars, was the reason why the Portuguese could afford to give a better price for them; that our plantations were supply'd with more than 20,000 yearly, and some that could not be sold in the British Colonies, were carry'd to Martinique. To which Colonel Cleland answer'd, the dearness of those negro's occasioned the British planters not buying them, though the French allow'd greater prices; and in relation to the Brazils, Colonel Sharpe was of opinion that a negro sold there at 50*l*. would not be of so much advantage to the interest of Great Britain, as one sold in the British plantations for 25*l*.

Upon the whole, it being consider'd that the African trade is shared by so many several nations, the more persons are engag'd in supplying the Brazils with negro's, the cheaper will negro's and their labour be, and consequently their sugar-works better supported; these gentlemen all unanimously agreed that our carrying negro's to the Brazils would be prejudicial to the British plantations in America.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of yesterday's date, requiring the Board's dispatch of what is necessary to be prepared for the Commissaries appointed by her Majesty to treat with those of France [*fo*. 69, 74], in relation to commerce, was read.

Several Italian merchants attending [*fo*. 79], the Order of Council of the 8th August, 1713, upon their petition to her Majesty, complaining of the prejudice they receive and are lyable to by Jews and other foreigners purchasing her Majesty's Mediterranean passes, issued and distributed to several English Consuls at the ports in the Mediterranean several years ago, was read; and after some discourse with these gentlemen, they were desir'd to state the

*Letter from Lord
Viscount Bolingbroke.
Matters for Commis-
saries to treat with
the French.*

*Italian merchants.
Order of Council.
Mediterranean passes.*

matter more at large in writing, with what reasons and proofs they may have to offer thereupon, which they promis'd to do accordingly, and lay the same before the Board.

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To state the matter in writing, with proofs.

December 16. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

The copy of an Order of Council of the 8th August last [P. fo. 447] upon a representation of the 6th of the same month, for repealing *An Act of Jamaica to prevent any one person from holding two or more offices of profit, &c.*, was read.

Jamaica.
Order of Council repealing an Act.

The letter from the Lord Bolingbroke, of the 14th instant, mention'd in the minutes of the 15th, relating to the Commissaries appointed to treat with those of France [fo. 72, 75], was again read; and their lordships agreed that the properest matter to begin those negotiations with would be the explanations of the Treaty of Commerce with France, mention'd in the bill of commerce, brought into the House of Commons last Sessions of Parliament.

Trade.
Commissaries for commerce with France. Subject to proceed upon.

An affidavit of Robert Keirton, mariner, on board the *Marlborough* galley, deposing that the said galley was taken at Tertudos by the Spaniards [fo. 60, 78], as she was gathering salt there, carry'd with her crew into St. Domingo, and there sold, was read; and their lordships agreed to consider that whole matter at the first opportunity.

New England.
Affidavit about seizure of a ship at salt. Tertuda.

December 17. Present:—Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

The Lord Bolingbroke acquainted the Board that Mr. Prior had signify'd that the French Commissaries were ready to come over so soon as ours should be ready to treat with them [fo. 74, 77]; that thereupon her Majesty having nam'd her Commissaries, had sent orders to Mr. Prior to press at the Court of France that theirs should come away as soon as possible; that her Majesty therefore expected that such matters as may be proper for her Commissaries should be immediately dispatch'd, and that during the negotiation the Lords of the Cabinet Council should be assistant to the Board in their consultation upon those matters.

Trade.
Lord Bolingbroke. French Commissaries for trade.

His lordship further acquainted the Board that there had been three doubts or difficulties rais'd in France upon the naming or extent of some clauses and words in the Treaty of Commerce, which he thought ought first to be settled and adjusted before the Commissaries proceeded to anything else; and having explain'd the said doubts, his lordship was inform'd that the Board had already prepar'd what they had to offer upon those matters, and should lay the same before his lordship to-morrow.

December 18. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Mr. Ball attending, and his powers of attorney from the sufferers of Nevis being examin'd at the Board, the two following debentures were deliver'd to him, number'd 227 and 575,

Nevis.
Mr. Ball. Debentures,

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Mr. Alford.
Debentures.

Board at a Committee
of Council.

Observations on Treaty
of Commerce with
France.

Mr. Alford attending, and his powers of attorney from the sufferers of Nevis being examin'd at the Board, the two following debentures were deliver'd to him, number'd 143 and 435.

The Board being sent for to the Lords of the Committee of Council, at the Lord Bolingbroke's office [*fo.* 75], they went accordingly; and the Lord Guilford was desir'd to present to their lordships the Board's observations upon the Treaty of Commerce with France, mention'd in yesterday's minutes, and to acquaint their lordships that it was their opinion—

1st. When the French Commissaries should arrive, the objection made by France that the Act to make effectual the eighth and ninth articles not having pass'd, the other articles of the Treaty of Commerce were void, ought in the first place to be answer'd and explain'd.

2nd. That the extent of the words *goods and merchandizes of Great Britain*, mention'd in the ninth article, be adjusted and explain'd, as intended by the clause of the Bill lately depending in Parliament.

3rd. That the like adjustment and explanation be made, that any exemptions of duties or privileges in commerce, that shall be granted to or enjoy'd by any other nation, in respect to the four excepted species, shall be likewise enjoy'd by the subjects of Great Britain, in pursuance of the eighth and ninth articles of the said Treaty of Commerce.

December 22. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

New England.
Mr. Dummer.
Informations about
seizures of ships for
gathering salt at
Tertuda.

Mr. Dummer attending with Daniel Frizel, master of the *Marlborough* galley (taken gathering salt at Tertudas by the Spaniards), and Robert Keirton, mariner in the said ship [*fo.* 74], and being ask'd several questions, the said Frizel inform'd the Board that he was taken at anchor at Tertudas by a privateer, Captain Neal, commander, who told him he did it by virtue of a Spanish commission; that they set him and two others on shoar at the said island, and carry'd the ship with the rest of the crew to St. Domingo. Then Robert Keirton inform'd their lordships that he with eight others were carry'd to St. Domingo, and there examin'd by the Spanish Governor, and threaten'd that, in case they were ever caught gathering salt at Tertudas again, they shou'd be sent to the mines for slaves.

Nevis.
Mr. Alford.
Debentures.

Mr. Alford attending, and his letters of attorney, for the sufferers of Nevis, being examin'd at the Board, the debentures number'd 434 and 444 were deliver'd to him.

Mr. Mills for Mr.
Merriwether.
Debentures.

Mr. Mills attending in behalf of Mr. Merriwether, who is very ill, and his letters of attorney for several of the sufferers at Nevis being examin'd, thirteen debentures were order'd to be deliver'd to him, and that the secretary carry to-morrow morning to his house the book of receipts, that he may sign the same. The numbers of the said debentures are as follow :—267, 269, 327, 330, 360, 361, 364, 370, 472, 513, 515, 520, 527,

Several Italian merchants attending, upon an Order of Council of the 8th of August, 1713 [*fo.* 73], upon the petition of several merchants trading to Italy complaining of the prejudice to them by foreigners and Jews purchasing her Majesty's Mediterranean passes, mention'd in the minutes of the 15th of this instant December; they presented to their lordships a memorial containing their proposals for remedying the inconveniences complain'd of in the aforesaid petition, which was read; and thereupon ordered that a copy of the forementioned petition be sent to Mr. Burchett [*fo.* 84], to desire to know what the practice of the Admiralty is in that matter, and that another copy be sent to Sir Charles Hedges for his opinion thereupon.

Ordered that in case my Lord Treasurer do all the debentures for the sufferers of Nevis and St. Christopher's to be subscrib'd in the South Sea Stock, that the secretary of this Board do subscribe such debentures as are yet remaining in this office, in trust for the persons who have not yet taken out the same.

January 5, 171³₄. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of the 1st instant, directing by her Majesty's command draughts of a commission and instructions to be prepar'd for John Hart, esquire, to be Governor of Maryland, was read; and thereupon ordered that the same be prepar'd accordingly.

Colonel Blakiston, Mr. Jenings and Mr. Ludwell, of Virginia, attending, they presented to their lordships a letter from Colonel Spotswood, of the 16th November, 1713, recommending Mr. Nathanael Harrison as a fit person to succeed his father, deceased, in the Council of Virginia, which was read; and their lordships agreed to take the same into consideration at the first opportunity.

A memorial from Colonel Blakiston, in behalf of Colonel Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, praying the Board's interposition with her Majesty, that he may exchange a piece of land for the use of the Governor for the time being, was read; and ordered that this matter be represented to my Lord High Treasurer.

A letter from Mr. Lowndes, of 4th December, 1713, referring to the Board, by order of the Lord High Treasurer, the petition of Mr. Ludwell and others [*v. infra*], for allowance of 250*l.* for their trouble about settling the bounds between Carolina and Virginia, was read; and ordered that the papers in this office relating to that matter, be laid before the Board at their next meeting.

Mr. Joseph Crisp attending, and producing a letter of attorney from Mrs. Susannah Cole, one of the sufferers of St. Christopher's, which, being examin'd at the Board, the debenture number'd 129 was deliver'd to him.

January 7. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Their lordships again took into consideration the reference from my Lord Treasurer upon Colonel Ludwell's petition for an allowance

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Trade.

*Italian merchants.**Memorial about
Mediterranean passes.**Letters to Mr. Burchett
and to Sir Charles
Hedges.*

Leeward Islands.

*Debentures to be sub-
scrib'd into the South
Sea stock.*

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Maryland.

*Letter from Lord
Bolingbroke.
Commission and in-
structions, Captain
Hart, Governor.*

Virginia.

*Colonel Blakiston,
Jenings and Ludwell.
Letter from Colonel
Spotswood,
Lieutenant Governor.
Councillors.**Memorial from
Colonel Blakiston.
Exchange of land for
the Governor.
Represent to Lord
Treasurer.**Letter from Mr.
Lowndes. Petition
of Ludwell. Salary
for employment about
bounds with
Carolina.*

St. Christopher's.

*Mr. Crisp.
Debenture.*

Virginia.

*Ludwell's allowance
about bounds with
Carolina,*

1713-14.

*Letter to Lord
High Treasurer.*

Virginia.

*Letter from Colonel
Spotswood.
Representation from
the Council. Decay
of tobacco trade.*

*Letter from Mr.
Carkesse.
Collector of Virginia.
Damaged tobacco sent
to England.*

*Answer to Mr.
Carkesse.*

[*v. supra*, fo. 85] to him and others employed to meet Commissioners from Carolina, in order to settle the bounds between that province and Virginia (mention'd in the last minutes), as also the several papers in this office relating to that matter, and gave directions for preparing a letter to my Lord Treasurer thereupon.

A letter from Colonel Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, of the 14th September, 1713, together with a representation from the Council of that colony to this Board, relating to the decay of the tobacco trade [fo. 183], were read; and their lordships agreed to reconsider that matter at the first opportunity.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse, secretary to the Commissioners of the Customs, dated the 31st of December, 1713, with an extract of a letter from the Collector of Virginia, relating to the sending of damaged tobacco from thence, and desiring what account thereof is before this Board, was read; and ordered that a copy of the abovemention'd representation from the Council of Virginia be sent to Mr. Carkesse, for the information of the Commissioners of the Customs.

January 8. Present:—Mr. Moore, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Trade.

*Letter from Lord
Bolingbroke.
Prussian Resident's
memorial.
Settlements on the
coast of Africa.
Monsieur Bonet to
come to the Board.*

*Letter from Mr.
Burchett.*

*Mediterranean passes.
Italian merchants
summon'd, and Sir
Charles Hedges.*

Virginia.

*Letter from Colonel
Spotswood. Exchange
of land with Colonel
Ludwell.
Letter to Lord
Treasurer sign'd.*

*Letter to Lord
Treasurer; petition
of Ludwell, salary
for employment about
bounds with
Carolina,
sign'd.*

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of the 20th May, 1713, referring to the Board a memorial from the Resident of Prussia, relating to their settlements on the coast of Africa, and what the King is willing to take for them [fo. 85], with copy of a letter from Hamburg on that subject by a person employ'd by the States-General, was read; and thereupon ordered that a letter be writ to Monsieur Bonet (the said Resident) to know what day their lordships may discourse with him upon that matter.

A letter from Mr. Burchett [fo. 80, 86], secretary of the Admiralty, dated the 24th, in answer to one writ him the 23rd of December, 1713, relating to Mediterranean passes, was read; and thereupon ordered that the Italian merchants have notice to attend the Board on Tuesday next; and further ordered that Sir Charles Hedges be desir'd to come to the Board at the same time.

A letter from Colonel Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, dated the 30th June, 1713, relating to the exchange of part of a tract of land enjoy'd by the Governor of that colony; for another belonging to Colonel Philip Ludwell, was read; and a letter to my Lord Treasurer thereupon, was sign'd.

A letter to my Lord Treasurer, upon the petition of the fore-mention'd Colonel Ludwell [fo. 82], in behalf of himself and Mr. Nathanael Harrison, Commissioners for settling the bounds with Carolina, praying for a recompence for that service, was also sign'd.

January 12. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Monsieur Bonet, Resident from the King of Prussia here, coming to the Board [fo. 84], as he had been desir'd, his memorial relating to sale of the King of Prussia's settlements on the coast of Africa,

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*Mr. Bonet at the
Board.
Sale of King of
Prussia's settlements
in Africa.*

mention'd in the last minutes, was again read; and after some discourse with him thereupon, ordered that a copy of the said memorial be sent to the Royal African Company [*fo.* 89, 130], and that they be desir'd to let their lordships have their thoughts thereupon on Tuesday next in the morning, and that they bring along with them some commanders of ships, or other persons, that know the said settlements.

Sir Charles Hedges and several Italian merchants, coming to the Board [*fo.* 84, 93], as they had been desir'd, the said merchants' petition, complaining that Jews and foreigners obtain her Majesty's Mediterranean passes &c^a, as also Mr. Burchett's letter of the 24th of last month, were read; whereupon the merchants said they thought that twelve months for recalling such passes as are already out, was too short a time, and that two years' time would be but reasonable for the limitation of such passes as shall be granted for the future. And after some further discourse with these gentlemen, they were desir'd to put their thoughts in writing, and to let their lordships have it as soon as they cou'd conveniently, which they promis'd to do accordingly.

A letter to my Lord Bolingbroke, inclosing the draught of a commission for Captain Hart to be Governor of Maryland, was sign'd.

January 13. Present:—Lord Guilford, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts.

Mr. Solicitor General's report upon four parcels of Pennsylvania laws, transmitted to him the 3rd of August, 1713, passed in the years 1708, 1709, 1710, 1711, and 1712, was read; whereupon their lordships gave directions for preparing the draught of a representation to her Majesty thereupon.

January 14. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

The draught of a representation upon several laws pass'd in Pennsylvania [*fo.* 89], mention'd in yesterday's minutes, was agreed, and order'd to be transcrib'd.

The draught of a representation upon Mr. Dummer's memorial [*fo.* 54, 89], relating to the capture of several English ships by the Spaniards at Tertudas, referr'd to the Board by the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke's letter of the 24th, and mention'd in the minutes of the 25th September, as also upon the abstract of the case of several ships seiz'd by the Spaniards at Tertudas, referr'd likewise to the Board by his lordship's letter read the 4th of December last, was agreed, and ordered to be transcrib'd.

January 15. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

A representation, relating to some British ships being seiz'd at Tertudas [*fo.* 88], with a letter inclosing the same to the Lord Bolingbroke (as agreed at the last meeting), were sign'd.

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Memorial sent to the African Company for their thoughts, and to bring some that know those settlements.

Sir Charles Hedges and Italian merchants at the Board.

Mediterranean passes.

Twelve months too short time for recalling them.

Two years reasonable.

They are desir'd to send their thoughts in writing.

Maryland.

Letter to Lord Bolingbroke. Draught commission for Captain Hart, sign'd.

Pennsylvania.

Solicitor General's report on laws.

Draught representation.

Pennsylvania.

Representation on laws agreed.

New England.

Draught representation. Dummer's memorial. Capture of ships at Tertudas.

Agreed.

New England.

Representation. British ships seiz'd at Tertudas. Letter to Lord Bolingbroke sign'd.

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Pennsylvania.
Representation on
laws sign'd.

Trade.

Letter from Mr.
Pery excusing the
African Company's
attendance.
Prussian settlements.

Another time ap-
pointed. Mr. Bonet
to have notice.

Letter from Mr.
Delavall, Portugal
minister.

Portuguese books of
rates.

Letter from Lord
Bolingbroke.
Fishery.
Address of House of
Commons.

Letter from Mr.
Secretary Bromley.
Fishery.

Papers from Scotland
relating to it.
Mr. Clement and
Sleford summoned.

Letter to Mr.
Drummond.

Edicts, rules &c.
about Dutch
herring fishery.

Trade.**Fishery.**

Mr. Clement to put
his proposals in
writing.

Papers from Scotland.

Mr. Sleford to attend.

A representation upon several laws passed in Pennsylvania [fo. 88, 159] (as mention'd in the last minutes), was sign'd.

A letter from Mr. Pery, of the 15th instant [fo. 86, 105], signifying that the Royal African Company cannot attend the Board on Tuesday next, in relation to the King of Prussia's settlements on the coast of Africa, as they had been desir'd; whereupon ordered that Mr. Pery be acquainted with the Board's desire that some members of the Company attend them on Tuesday sevensnight, and that Monsieur Bonet, his Prussian Majesty's Resident, have notice thereof.

A letter from Mr. Delavall [fo. 9], her Majesty's Minister in Portugal, dated the 6th of January, 1714, new style, acknowledging the receipt of the Board's letter of the 18th of September last, and promising to endeavour to procure such books relating to the trade of that country, as desir'd, was read.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke [P. fo. 448], of the 10th August, 1713 (mention'd in the minutes of the 11th of the same month) referring to the Board an address of the House of Commons relating to the fishery of this kingdom, was again read; and a letter from Mr. Secretary Bromley, of the 11th December, 1713, requiring this Board to consider how the fishery of Great Britain may be carry'd on to the best advantage, was also read. Whereupon ordered that all the papers receiv'd some time ago from Scotland, in relation to the fishery, be look'd out and laid before the Board at their next meeting [fo. 91], and that Mr. Clement and Mr. Sleford have notice to attend the Board on Monday morning next.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Drummond, her Majesty's Commissary for commerce in Flanders, to desire him to transmit to this Board all such laws, edicts, rules &c., relating to the catching, curing, packing, and all other matters concerning the herring fishery of Holland, as he can procure.

January 18. Present:—Lord Guilford, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Mr. Clement attending [fo. 90, 96], as he had been desir'd the last meeting, their lordships had some discourse with him in relation to the fishery of this kingdom, and he being desir'd to put what he had to offer upon this subject in writing, he promis'd to do it, and lay the same before their lordships on Wednesday next.

Then their lordships read a letter from the Lord Provost of Edinburgh of the 14th April, 1711, with a memorial from the Committee of the Convention of the Royal Boroughs &c. [Trade, Bun. M., No. 49, Book G., fo. 65], relating to the fishery of North Britain.

Ordered that Mr. Sleford have notice that the Board desire his attendance either to-morrow or on Thursday morning next.

January 19. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

A letter from Mr. Archibald Cuminge, dated at Boston the 11th of December, 1713, relating to what is necessary for securing the fishery of Newfoundland, to illegal trade there, and to the settlements and fortifications intended by the French at Cape Briton, as likewise proposing fortifications to be erected in Nova Scotia, was read; and a letter to the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke prepar'd and sign'd, inclosing a copy thereof.

Mr. Thomas Ball [*fo.* 86], and other merchants trading to Italy attending, presented to the Board a memorial containing what they propose for remedying the inconveniency of foreigners enjoying the benefit of English Mediterranean passes, which was read. Whereupon ordered that a copy of the said memorial be sent to Sir Charles Hedges [*fo.* 100], with the Board's desire of his opinion thereupon on Friday next.

A letter from Colonel Vetch, late Commander in Chief at Annapolis Royal in Nova Scotia, dated at Boston the 12th of December, 1713, relating to the designs he has discover'd of the French about their settlements and fortifications to be made at Cape Briton, &c., was read.

A letter from the Lord Archibald Hamilton, Governor of Jamaica, dated the 11th of July, 1713 [*fo.* 234], was read; and the papers therein referr'd to laid before the Board, vizt.:

The Governor of Carthage's demand of reparation for a summe of money taken out of a Spanish vessel by Captain Jackson, after the suspension of arms, with several authentick attestations of that affair.

Petition of John Fryday (condemn'd in Jamaica for clipping of Spanish money) to the Lord Archibald Hamilton for a pardon.

A letter from his lordship, of the 3rd of August, 1713, was read; and the following papers therein referr'd to, laid before the Board, vizt.:

Receiver General's account current to the 25th March, 1713.

Minutes of Council, from the 20th of January to the 28th of July, 1713.

A letter from his lordship, of the 27th October, 1713, was read, and the following papers therein referr'd to, laid before the Board, vizt.:

Minutes of the Council of Jamaica, from the 18th of August to the 20th of October, 1713.

Minutes of the Council of Jamaica in Assembly, from the 1st to the 15th of October, 1713.

Minutes of the Assembly of Jamaica, from the 1st of October, 1713, to the 15th of the same month.

Ordered that the secretary lay before their lordships to-morrow morning what has been formerly done by this Board upon occasion of several members of the Assembly of Barbadoes absenting from their duty.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of the 30th of last month [*fo.* 49, 110], relating to the draught of a Treaty of Commerce with Portugal, was read.

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**Nova Scotia.
Newfoundland.**

*Letter from Mr.
Cuminge.*

Fishery.

*Fortifications, Eng-
lish and French.*

Letter to Lord

Viscount Bolingbroke.

Trade.

*Italian merchants'
memorial.*

Mediterranean passes.

*Sent to Sir Charles
Hedges.*

**Nova Scotia.
Newfoundland.**

*Letter from Colonel
Vetch. Designs of
the French.*

Jamaica.

*Letter from the
Governor.*

*Papers therein
referr'd to.*

*Second letter from
him.*

*Papers therein
referr'd to.*

*Third letter from the
Governor.*

*Papers therein
referr'd to.*

**Jamaica.
Barbadoes.**

*Members of Assembly
absenting from their
duty.*

Trade.

*Letter from Lord
Viscount Bolingbroke.*

*Treaty.
Portugal.*

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Miscellanies.
Incident accounts and
salaries.

January 20. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts.

The secretary laid before the Board the following accounts of the incident charges of this office, from Midsummer to Christmas, 1713, amounting to 196*l.* 9*s.* 9*d.*, vizt.:

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Account of petty expences, from Midsummer, 1713, to Michaelmas following	52	9	3			
The same from Michaelmas to Christmas following	51	1	4			
				103	10	7
The stationer's account, from Midsummer, 1713, to Michaelmas following	29	10	0			
The same from Michaelmas to Christmas following	30	13	3			
				60	3	3
The post officer's account, from Midsummer, 1713, to Michaelmas following	16	3	11			
The same from Michaelmas to Christmas following	16	12	0			
				32	15	11
				£196	9	9

Letter to Lord High
Treasurer.

Whereupon a letter to the Lord High Treasurer for laying before his lordship the arrears of salary due to this Board, and officers in its service, together with the said accounts, was sign'd.

Trade.
Mr. Clement with
memorial.
Herring fishery.

Mr. Clement attending [*fo.* 91, 98], presented to their lordships a memorial relating to the herring fishery, which was read; and being ask'd several questions thereupon, he said that in the latter end of May or beginning of June, there has been every year for some years past, a considerable shoal of herrings, which are the largest and fattest that are taken upon our coast, which comes from the westward, and may be taken in good quantities off of Rye and Hastings; that he himself has taken and cur'd above a thousand in a morning; that he doubted not but, if the experiment was made with two vessels, as propos'd in his abovesaid memorial, that the said vessels and more might be landed and sent to Hamburgh or Rotterdam before the Dutch begun their fishery. He added that all the early herrings that come to Billingsgate, which may be between one and two thousand every morning, are taken at Rye and Hastings.

January 21. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Maryland.
Memorial from Sir
Thomas Lawrence.
Instruction to
Governor about
secretary's office.

A memorial from Sir Thomas Lawrence, secretary of Maryland, praying that an instruction may be given to Mr. Hart, appointed Governor of that province, in relation to the secretary's office there, was read. Whereupon ordered that her Majesty's letter of the 15th January, 1707, his last memorial, and other papers Sir Thomas now refers to, be laid before the Board at the first opportunity.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Bromley, of the 15th instant, referring to the Board a memorial from the envoy of Holland, relating to the estate of William Kupius [*fo.* 60] of Jamaica, deceas'd, was read; whereupon their lordships resolving to take this matter again into consideration on Thursday morning next, together with the petitions of Anthony Swymmer, esquire, and Johanna Kupius, mention'd in the minutes of the 17th July and 4th November last, ordered that Mr. Thurston, who appears in behalf of the said Swymmer, have notice thereof, in order to his laying before the Board what he may have to offer in his behalf.

A letter from Mr. Beresford, dated the 16th September, 1713, relating to his being suspended from the Council of Barbadoes by Mr. Lowther, for marrying a gentleman without the Governor's licence, was read.

A representation from the Mayor, Jurats and Freemen of the town and port of Hasting [*fo.* 96, 99], relating to the preservation and encouragement of the English fishery, being communicated to the Board by Mr. Moore, was read.

Mr. William Heysham, agent for Barbadoes, and Mr. Royle attending, Mr. Heysham presented to the Board a memorial, desiring their lordships' report to her Majesty for confirming an Act pass'd there in June last, relating to the spring or rivulet call'd the Three Houses Spring &c. [*fo.* 105], which memorial being read, and their lordships understanding that Colonel Cleland has some objections to the said Act, ordered that he have notice to attend the Board thereupon on Tuesday morning next.

A memorial from Mr. Harris and other merchants [*fo.* 69], relating to our furnishing the Brazils with negro's, as also a letter from Mr. Harris, dated yesterday, inclosing the same to the secretary, were read.

Ordered that the secretary write circular letters to the Mayors of Exeter, Dartmouth, Plimouth, Barnstable, Yarmouth, Bristol and Leverpool; as also to the collectors of her Majesty's Customs at Falmouth and Biddiford, signifying that their lordships having now under consideration the improving and enlarging the fishery of this kingdom, they desire the said mayors respectively to consult such merchants and fishermen as are most experienced in this matter, and to let the Board have an account of the difficulties the fishery labours under, and how it may be improv'd and carry'd on to the best profit and advantage to the nation.

January 22. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Sir Charles Hedges [*fo.* 93], coming to the Board upon the memorial of several merchants trading to Italy, containing their proposals for remedying the inconvenience of Jews and other foreigners enjoying the benefit of her Majesty's Mediterranean passes (mention'd in the minutes of the 19th instant), and her Majesty's proclamation of the 17th instant, relating to such passes, being read, Sir Charles was pleas'd to declare that though the end propos'd by the said merchants would be effectually answer'd by the fore-mention'd proclamation, yet he was of opinion it would be of more

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Jamaica.

Letter from Mr. Secretary Bromley. Memorial from Dutch envoy. Kupius's estate to be consider'd with Swymmer's petition.

Mr. Thurston acquainted with it.

Barbadoes.

Letter from Mr. Beresford; his suspension.

Trade.

Representation from Hasting. Fishery.

Barbadoes.

Mr. Heysham and Royle. Act about the Three Houses Spring.

Colonel Cleland summoned.

Trade.

Memorial from Mr. Harris; sending negro's to the Brazils.

Circular letters to several mayors, &c. Fishery.

Trade.

Sir Charles Hedges about Italian merchants' memorial. Mediterranean passes.

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service to the publick for this affair to remain as it did, than that any such particular directions shou'd be given in it as the merchants propos'd, inasmuch as a diminution of the validity of any English passes, otherwise than by a revocation, and the granting of new ones, would afford the Algerines occasion not only of being always strict in examining English ships, and retarding them in their voyages, but of giving great molestation on pretence of false passes, which inconvenience would affect the whole navigation of Great Britain in the Mediterranean, and seem'd more necessary to be avoided, than the permitting a few foreigners to gain by freight under the names of her Majesty's subjects; wherein their lordships concurr'd. And it was further observ'd at the Board, that what was alledg'd by the merchants as a detriment to them did not appear so great an injury to the publick as was represented, the masters and sailors of such ships as have the protection of English passes being necessarily to be her Majesty's subjects; that according to the treaty with the Ottoman Port, all ships under English colours are protected and pass as English, even the ships of such countries as happen to be at war with the Turks, for which those foreign ships pay the Turkey Company a considerable acknowledgment, to the great advantage of this kingdom.

Several letters from Mr. Secretary Bromley, with papers relating to the Spanish Netherlands.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Bromley [fo. 44, 150], of the 9th September, 1713, with the copy of one from Mr. Drummond, of the 12th of the same month, new style, relating to commerce in Flanders, &c., were read.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Bromley of the 27th November, 1713, referring to the Board the extract of a letter from Mr. Loggan, Consul at Bruges, relating to the privileges formerly enjoy'd by the British merchants in that city, was read.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Bromley, of the 8th December, 1713, together with the following papers relating to the duties levy'd in the Netherlands, were read, vizt.:

Report of the Council of Finances, with a copy of the order not to raise the Customs in the frontier places in the new conquests of the Spanish Netherlands.

List of the Custom Houses established at Newport, and in the cities and towns of the Dutch barrier in the new conquest of the Spanish Netherlands.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Bromley, of the 24th December, 1713, referring to the Board the following papers, relating to the trade of the Netherlands, was read, as were likewise the said papers, vizt.:

Extract of a letter from Mr. Laws to Mr. Secretary Bromley.

List of the tariff and ordinances [R. fo. 110], by which the Customs are rais'd in the Netherlands.

Copy of a letter to Mr. Laws, by order of the magistracy of the country of Waes. A memorial relating to the land demanded by the Dutch there, and a specification thereof.

Copy of a report of the Council of the Finances at Brussels, upon the complaints of the French Commissaries, relating to the duties paid in the Netherlands, on goods coming from and entring France.

Ordered that translations be made of such French papers as are referr'd to in Mr. Secretary Bromley's two last mentioned letters, and laid before the Board at their next meeting.

January 26. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts.

Their lordships again taking into consideration the memorial of Mr. William Heysham [*fo.* 21, 107], agent for Barbadoes, mention'd in the minutes of the 6th October last, relating to the trade carry'd on for rum, sugar and molosses, between Surinam and her Majesty's plantations on the northern continent of America; their lordships thereupon ordered that the said Mr. Heysham and Mr. Jeremiah Dummer, agent for New England, have notice to come to the Board on Thursday morning next.

Mr. Leonard Compere [*fo.* 131], her Majesty's Receiver General of Jamaica, attending, presented to the Board a petition of the creditors of Thomas Finch, merchant in Jamaica, praying their lordships to represent their case to her Majesty that the *Act for vesting the said Finch's estate in trustees for the payment of 3,800l.*, may not be confirm'd. Whereupon their lordships agreed to take the said petition into consideration to-morrow morning, and gave directions that in the meantime all the papers and proceedings in the office relating thereunto, be look'd out, and laid before the Board at that time.

Colonel Cleland and others attending, with objections against *An Act*, pass'd in Barbadoes in June, 1713, relating to the spring or rivulet call'd the *Three Houses Spring* [*fo.* 99, 112], which Mr. Heysham, agent for that island, in his memorial, mention'd in the minutes of the 21st instant, desir'd might be confirm'd; whereupon their lordships appointed Tuesday, the 2nd of February next, for considering the said Act, at which time the parties are to be heard by their counsel.

A letter from Mr. Pery [*fo.* 89, 111], secretary to the Royal African Company, of the 22nd instant, excusing the said Company's not attending the Board this day, as they had been desir'd the 15th instant, upon the memorial from the Resident of Prussia, was read; and their lordships agreed to hear what the said Company have to offer upon the abovementioned memorial on Friday morning next, the 29th instant.

Then their lordships gave directions that Monsieur Bonet, the aforesaid Resident, be acquainted that they have appointed the Royal African Company to attend them, in relation to his memorial, on Friday next. After which, their lordships will desire to know what day will be most convenient for him to discourse further with them upon that subject.

January 27. Present :—Lord Guilford, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Their lordships taking into consideration the great numbers of poor that are daily in the streets of London and parts adjacent, and the scandal and inconveniencies thereof; ordered that draughts of letters be prepar'd to the Lord Mayor of London, the Steward of

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Translations to be made.

New England.

Trade with Surinam.

Mr. Heysham and Dummer summon'd.

Jamaica.

Mr. Compere. Petition of the creditors of Finch against an Act about Finch's estate.

Barbadoes.

Colonel Cleland and others. Objections against Act about the Three Houses Spring.

Hearing appointed.

Trade.

Letter from Mr. Pery. African Company. Prussian settlements.

Letter to Monsieur Bonet, Prussian Resident.

Miscellanies.

Poor.

Letter to Lord Mayor of London &c.

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the Liberty of Westminster, and the Bailiff of the borough of Southwark, desiring them respectively to appoint some proper officers to come to the Board on Thursday next, with whom their lordships may discourse on that subject, in order to lay a representation thereof before her Majesty.

Ordered that the draught of a letter be prepared to the Lord Provost of Edinburgh [*fo.* 109], desiring him to confer with the principal merchants of the royal boroughs of Scotland, and to transmit what they have to add to their memorial inclosed in a letter from the Lord Provost of the said city, dated the 14th, and read at this Board the 24th of April, 1711, relating to the fishery.

Trade.

*Letter to Lord
Provost of Edinburgh.
Fishery.*

Barbadoes.

New England.

Mr. Heysham.

Letter from Mr.

Harley.

*Memorial about pernicious trade with
Surinam.*

*Mr. Dummer, agent
for Massachusetts
Bay.*

Representation.**Jamaica.**

Mr. Thurston.

*Mr. Swymmer's
petition.*

*Kupius's escheated
estate.*

*Attorney General's
report about escheats.*

*Draught of repre-
sentation.*

Trade.

*Letter to Lord
Provost of Edinburgh.
Fishery.*

Maryland.

Hart's instructions.

*Letter to Lord
Viscount Bolingbroke.*

January 28. Present:—Lord Guilford, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Mr. William Heysham [*fo.* 104, 110], agent for the island of Barbadoes, attending, and being call'd in, a letter from Mr. Harley, of the 4th November last, referring to the Board a memorial to the Lord High Treasurer from the said Mr. Heysham, relating to the detriment her Majesty's sugar plantations suffer by rum, sugar and molosses being carry'd from Surinam into New England and other places on the continent, was read; and Mr. Dummer, agent for the province of the Massachusetts Bay, attending also, he acquainted their lordships that he had not heard of any such commerce between the said province and Surinam, except it were in molosses only for making beer. Whereupon these gentlemen withdrawing, ordered that the draught of a representation to her Majesty be prepar'd upon this matter.

Mr. Thurston, agent for the Lord Archibald Hamilton, Governor of Jamaica, attending in behalf of Mr. Swymmer of that island, he was call'd in, and Mr. Lowndes's letter of the 12th February, 171 $\frac{1}{2}$, by order of the Lord High Treasurer, referring to this Board the petition of the said Swymmer, relating to the escheated estate of Mrs. Kupius [*P. fo.* 417], mention'd in the minutes of the 17th of July last, together with the said petition, were again read; and Mr. Attorney General's report upon an account of escheats in Jamaica, with observations on the same, which were sent him the 21st of July aforementioned, was also read; whereupon directions were given for preparing the draught of a representation to her Majesty [*fo.* 115], relating to the said escheated estate, and Mr. Swymmer's foresaid petition.

The draught of a letter from the secretary to the Lord Provost of Edinburgh [*fo.* 107, 148], order'd yesterday to be prepar'd in relation to the fishery, was agreed, and order'd to be sent.

January 29. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

The draughts of instructions to John Hart, esquire, for the government of Maryland, and of those which particularly relate to the Acts of Trade and Navigation, being laid before the Board, the same were agreed, and a letter, for inclosing them to the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, was sign'd.

Colonel Blakiston, agent for the province of Maryland, attending, he communicated to their lordships a representation from the Assembly of Maryland to her Majesty, relating to the complaints of Sir Thomas Laurence, secretary of the said province, against them.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of the 27th instant, with a Latin draught of a Treaty of Commerce with Portugal [fo. 95, 188], compar'd and corrected by the Latin treaty of 1654 and others, for what observations this Board may have to make thereupon, was read; whereupon Sir Philip Meadows was desir'd to examine the foremention'd Latin draught with the English one transmitted by their lordships to my Lord Bolingbroke the 20th of November last; which he was pleas'd to undertake accordingly.

Upon consideration of the draught of a representation relating to the commerce lately complain'd of between New England and Surinam; ordered that Mr. William Heysham [fo. 107, 114], agent for Barbadoes, and Mr. Jeremy Dummer, agent for the Massachusetts Bay, have notice to attend the Board on Tuesday morning next.

A letter from Mr. Lowndes, of the 25th instant, signifying the Lord High Treasurer's desire of knowing if this Board have any objection to the granting leave for Mr. Byrd [fo. 115], Receiver General of Virginia, to return to England, as pray'd in his inclos'd memorial, was read, together with the said memorial; whereupon ordered that a letter be prepar'd to the Lord High Treasurer, acquainting his lordship that the Board have no objection to it in the manner propos'd by Mr. Byrd.

Mr. Pindar [fo. 105], with several other members of the Royal African Company attending, as they had been desir'd, upon the memorial from the Prussian Resident, relating to the forts and settlements belonging to the King of Prussia on the coast of Africa (mention'd in the minutes of the 12th instant), the said memorial was read; and these gentlemen being ask'd what they had to offer thereupon, they said that it would be a very great detriment to us, if the French, who have no settlement on the Gold Coast, should purchase those from the King of Prussia; and therefore it should be an advantage to us, in order to prevent the French having any settlement on the said Gold Coast, to purchase the said Prussian forts and settlements; but that the African Company cannot pretend to buy them, unless they were settled in a Company exclusive of all others trading there. After some further discourse upon this matter, these gentlemen were desir'd to draw up what they had to offer in writing, and let their lordships have the same as soon as possible, which they promis'd accordingly.

February 2. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor General attending in behalf of Mr. Sandford, against an Act pass'd in Barbadoes the 9th June, 1713, entituled, *An Act relating to the spring or rivulet call'd the Three Houses Spring* [fo. 105, 127], in the parish of St. Philip's;

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*Colonel Blakiston.
Representation from
the Assembly about
Sir Thomas
Laurence's complaints.*

Trade.

*Letter from Lord
Bolingbroke.
Latin draught of Treaty
of Commerce.
Portugal.
Sir Philip Meadows
to examin it.*

New England.

*Trade with Surinam.
Mr. Heysham and
Dummer summon'd.*

Virginia.

*Letter from Mr.
Lowndes.
Mr. Byrd's memorial
for leave to come for
England.*

*Letter to Lord
Treasurer.*

Trade.

*African Company.
Prussian settlements
in Africa.*

Barbadoes.

*Hearing about an
Act relating to the
Three Houses Spring.*

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and Mr. Lutwyche and Sir Peter King attending in behalf of the parishoners of the said parish for the said Act, a memorial from Mr. Heysham, agent for that island, praying a confirmation of that Act, as also the Act itself, were read.

Then Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor General said, that the Act was very arbitrary, and what wou'd not be allow'd of in this kingdom, it taking away the property of Mr. Braithwayt to the said spring or rivulet, which arises in his grounds, of which he or those who enjoy'd the estate before him, were always in possession, without allowing him any tolerable reparation. In proof of which they produced two affidavits sworn in Barbadoes the 11th of July last, before Mr. Skene, secretary and notary publick of that island, which were read; that when the Act pass'd in Barbadoes, Mr. Sandford (as guardian to the said Braithwayt) and others did petition the Assembly to be heard by council against the said Act, which was rejected.

Mr. Lutwyche and Sir Peter King insisted that there was nothing arbitrary in the said Act; that it contain'd no other powers but such as the Commissioners of the Sewers have in this kingdom; that it does not take away any person's property, and particularly none of the said Braithwayt's, for that the spring does not rise in his grounds as alledg'd, in proof of which they produced two affidavits sworn here before a Master in Chancery the 1st instant; that those who oppos'd the Bill in Barbadoes were heard before the Governor and Council, to prove which they produced the minutes of that Board of the 14th May last, which were read.

At last the council on both sides agreed that the spring or rivulet shou'd be so order'd as to take its ancient course, and that the inhabitants of the said parish should be allow'd the fetching and taking water there, as usual, and not otherwise.

Mr. William Heysham and Mr. Dummer attending [*fo.* 110, 117], as they had been ordered at the last meeting in relation to the trade carryd on between the northern continent and Surinam, and being asked what they had further to offer upon that matter, Mr. Dummer desired that, as he was not instructed in this matter, their lordships wou'd not propose the passing of any Act here till the matter may have been referr'd to Colonel Nicholson, and he returnd a report thereupon; to which Mr. Heysham said that the consequence of that trade might prove very detrimental to the sugar plantations; that having laid the matter before their lordships, he had nothing more to add thereupon.

February 3. Present:—Lord Guilford, Mr. Monckton, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts.

A letter to the Lord High Treasurer upon a memorial from William Byrd, esquire [*fo.* 111], Receiver General of her Majesty's revenues in Virginia, desiring leave to return to England, referr'd to the Board by Mr. Lowndes' letter, mention'd in the minutes of the 29th of the last month, was sign'd.

The draught of a letter to the Lord High Treasurer upon the petition of Mr. Swymmer, relating to the escheated estate of Mrs. Kupius in Jamaica [*fo.* 108, 116], referr'd to the Board by

New England.

*Mr. Heysham and
Dummer. Trade with
Surinam.*

Virginia.

*Letter to Lord High
Treasurer. Mr.
Byrd's leave to come
to England.*

Jamaica.

*Letter to Lord High
Treasurer.
Swymmer's petition.
Kupius's escheat.*

Mr. Lowndes' letter of the 12th of February, 171 $\frac{2}{3}$, and mention'd in the minutes of the 17th July last, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

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February 4. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

The draught of a letter to the Lord High Treasurer upon the petition of Mr. Swymmer, relating to the escheated estate of Mrs. Kupius in Jamaica [*fo.* 115], ordered yesterday to be transcribed, being laid before the Board, and their lordships being desirous to know as near as may be the real value of the said estate before they make their report to her Majesty upon that affair; ordered that Mr. Whitlock (who appears in behalf of Johanna Kupius) and others [*fo.* 124], be acquainted that their lordships will be glad of his bringing any persons with him to the Board on Thursday morning next, who can give information relating to it.

A letter from Mr. Harley, of the 23rd of May [*P. fo.* 359; *fo.* 185], mention'd in the minutes of the first of June, 1713, relating to her Majesty's several plantations bearing the whole charge of their respective governments, was again read; and a letter to Mr. Lowndes, desiring accounts of the annual expence of the said plantations, was agreed, and order'd to be sent.

The draught of a representation relating to the trade complain'd of between New England and Surinam, mention'd in the minutes of the 2nd instant [*fo.* 114, 121], being laid before the Board, the same was agreed and ordered to be transcrib'd.

February 9. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts.

Captain Taverner attending [*fo.* 99, 127], and being ask'd several questions in relation to the fishery of this kingdom, he said that it might undoubtedly be improved to very great advantage, both in relation to the codd and herring fishery, particularly in North Britain, where the herrings come into the Firths in the month of March; that they are as good or rather better than any other taken elsewhere; that he himself has cured several thousand lasts in two or three years' time that he was in Scotland; that if we apply'd ourselves in the right method to that fishery, there is no doubt but we might outdo the Dutch, and be two months at market sooner than they; that the Dutch are obliged to cure all at sea, whereas we might do the same and have our Firths wherein to retire and cure in case of storms and bad weather; that the only mystery in curing of herrings, which we are ignorant of, and the Dutch practice, is, that they make use of salt upon salt, that is, they have their salt from St. Ubes, and refine it again, so that one bushel of that refined salt will go very near as far as two of unrefin'd, and weighs almost double. It penetrates and hardens the fish much sooner, and gives it a greater brightness; that our English salt is as good as any whatever for curing of codd and herring, especially if it were made salt upon salt, in which case it would be necessary for the encouragement of the fishery that there

Jamaica.

*Letter to Lord High Treasurer.
Swymmer.
Kupius's escheat.*

*Letter to Mr. Whitlock.
Value of the estate.*

Plantations General.

*Letter from Mr. Harley.
Charge of the respective governments.
Letter to Mr. Lowndes.
Account of annual expence.*

New England.

Barbadoes.
Trade with Surinam.

Trade.

*Captain Taverner.
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should be magazines establish'd at all the fishing ports, where such refined salt might be deliver'd to the fishermen duty free, and an Act of Parliament pass'd prohibiting the fishermen under a penalty from using any other, and proper officers appointed to have the inspection thereof. Then being desired to draw up his thoughts more fully in writing, he promised to do the same accordingly.

Newfoundland.
State of Placentia.
Designs of the French
&c.

Memorial.
Southack.
Fishery of New-
foundland &c.

Nova Scotia.
Letter from
General Nicholson.

Papers therein
referr'd to.

A written paper, dated at Boston in New England, the 4th December, 1713, entituled, News from Placentia, relating to the state of the last mention'd place, and the designs of the French to settle Cape Britton and Isle of Sables, being some time since communicated to the Board from Mr. Moore, together with a memorial from Captain Southack, relating to the coast and fishery of Newfoundland and parts adjacent, dated also at Boston, the 9th of December, 1713, the same were read.

A letter from General Nicholson to the Board, dated at Boston the 14th of December, 1713, acknowledging the receipt of the Board's letters of the 8th and 15[th] of July last, and transmitting copies of several letters relating to his administration there, was read, and the foresaid copies of letters &c., laid before the Board, the list whereof follows, vizt.:

Extracts of letters between General Nicholson and Lieutenant-Governor Caulfield, of Annapolis Royal.

Extracts of letters between General Nicholson and Brigadier Hunter, Governor of New York.

Copy of a letter from General Nicholson to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated at Boston, December 11th, 1713.

Extract of a letter from General Nicholson to Mr. Craven, Governor of South Carolina, dated November 3rd, 1713.

Copy of a letter from General Nicholson to the Board of Ordnance, dated at Boston, the 11th of December, 1713.

Copy of a letter from General Nicholson to the Commissioners of the Customs, dated at Boston the 11th December, 1713.

A letter from Mr. Drumond, dated the 14th of February, 1714, new style, relating to the Dutch placarta and ordinances concerning their fishery &c., was read, and an answer thereto being immediately drawn up, the same was agreed and ordered to be sent.

Trade.
Letter from Mr.
Drumond.
Dutch placarta.
Fishery.
Answer.

New England.
Barbadoes.
Representation about
trade with Surinam.

A representation, as agreed the 4th instant, relating to the trade complained of between New England and Surinam [*fo.* 117; *R. fo.* 196], was signed.

February 11. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Leeward Islands.
Mr. Duport.
Debenture.

Mr. Duport attending, he produced to their lordships a letter of attorney from Robert McClear, one of the sufferers of St. Christopher's, which being examined, the debenture number'd 387, in the name of the said McClear, was delivered to the said Duport.

A letter from the Earl of Mar, dated the 4th of February, 171³/₁₄, referring to the Board an address and memorial from the royal burroughs of Scotland, relating to the commerce between Great Britain and France, were read. Whereupon ordered that the said memorial be abstracted as likewise the memorial from Sir William Johnston, Sir Patrick Johnston and Mr. Smith [P. fo. 144], in behalf of North Britain, which was read the 9th April, 1712.

Letters from the Mayors of Yarmouth, Dartmouth and Barnstaple [fo. 99], and from the collector of the Customs at Bideford, in answer to what was writ them the 21st of the last month, relating to the fishery of this kingdom, were severally read, and abstracts order'd to be made thereof.

Mr. Frederick Hern attending, presented to their lordships a representation from the Mayor, magistrates, merchants &c. of Dartmouth, relating to the preservation and security of the fishery at Newfoundland [fo. 128, 163], which was read; and a letter order'd to be drawn, wherein to transmit a copy thereof to the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, and signify to his lordship the opinion of this Board, that nothing will tend more to the publick service than that a survey be made of Newfoundland, and its several harbours and fishing places, as proposed by the said representation.

Sir Hovenden Walker attending, the petition of Captain Southack, comander of the *Province galley* of the Massachusetts Bay, employ'd in the expedition against Canada, referr'd to this Board by an Order of Council of 8th August, 1713, was read; whereupon Sir Hovenden said that the Queen had order'd Captain Southack to command the said galley in the Canada expedition; that thereupon he had given him a commission and had order'd him to fit and equip the said galley, which Captain Southack did accordingly; that in regard the said galley belongs to the Government of the Massachusetts, and that she was not hir'd or taken up in her Majesty's service in the regular way, he was of opinion that the Government of the Massachusetts Bay ought to be at the expence of equipping and victualling the said galley. After Sir Hovendon was withdrawn, ordered that Mr. Dummer, agent for the Massachusetts Bay, have notice to attend their lordships to-morrow morning.

Mr. Whitlock [fo. 116, v. *infra*], solicitor for Johanna Kupius and others, relations of Williamina Kupius, late of Jamaica, deceased, attending, and being asked if he knew what was the real value of the escheated estate of the said Williamina, he said that when they were heard before this Board by council in December last, Mr. Hodges who then attended, said that the estate was worth 5,000*l.* sterling, and being asked what he thought Johanna Kupius and the others wou'd be willing to give for the said estate, he said he beleiv'd they wou'd give about 800*l.* or 1,000*l.* sterling for it.

February 12. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts.

A letter to the Lord High Treasurer [v. *supra*, R. fo. 7], upon the petition of Mr. Swymmer, relating to the escheated estate of Williamina Kupius, in Jamaica, mention'd in yesterday's minutes, was sign'd.

(*Folios 125, 126 are missing, but there is no gap in the minutes.*)

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France. Letter from the Earl of Mar. An address and memorial from royal borows of Scotland. Memorial to be abstracted with another from North Britain.

Letters from mayors of towns about fishery, to be abstracted.

Newfoundland.

Mr. Hern. Representation from Dartmouth.

Letter to Lord Bolingbroke.

Massachusetts.

Sir Hovenden Walker about petition of Captain Southack, comander of the Province galley.

Canada expedition.

Mr. Dummer summoned.

Jamaica.

Mr. Whitlock. Kupius. Value of the escheated estate.

Jamaica.

Letter to Lord High Treasurer. Swymmer. Kupius's escheated estate.

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Trade.*Fishery.**Captain Taverner's
memorial.***Barbadoes.***Colonel Cleland,**Mr. Chester, &c.**Act about Three**Houses Spring.**Mr. Heysham and**Mr. Royle summon'd.*

Captain Taverner attending [*fo.* 117, 233], presented to their lordships a memorial relating to the fishery of Great Britain, which was read, and an abstract order'd to be made thereof.

Colonel Cleland, Mr. Chester and others attending about the Act lately pass'd in Barbadoes, relating to a rivulet call'd the Three Houses Spring, mention'd in the minutes of the 2nd instant [*fo.* 112, 132], their lordships agreed to reconsider the said Act on Thursday morning next, and ordered that Mr. Heysham and Mr. Royle, who appear for the said Act, be desired to attend the Board at the same time.

February 16. Present :—Lord Guilford, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Massachusetts.*Mr. Dummer about
petition of Captain
Southack.*

Mr. Dummer, agent for the province of the Massachusetts Bay, attending, pursuant to the order of the 11th instant, and being asked whether he had anything to offer in relation to the petition of Captain Southack, commander of the *Province* galley of the Massachusetts Bay (read the 26th of November last), and now before their lordships, he promised to consider thereof, and in a few days to lay his thoughts upon it before the Board in writing.

Newfoundland.*Letter from**Captain Taverner.**Survey, &c.**Letter to Lord**Viscount Bolingbroke.*

A letter from Captain Taverner, dated this day, relating to his being dispatch'd pursuant to her Majesty's commission for taking a survey &c. of Newfoundland [*fo.* 163], was read; whereupon ordered that a copy of the same be sent to the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, and a letter to his lordship being prepared accordingly for inclosing the said copy, as also the copy of a representation from the town of Dartmouth [*fo.* 122], mention'd in the minutes of the 11th instant, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

February 17. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pitts.

Trade.*France.**Letter from**Lord Bolingbroke.**Instructions to com-
missaries for commerce.*

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke [*fo.* 131], dated yesterday, together with a copy of her Majesty's instructions to the commissaries for commerce she has been pleased to appoint to treat with those daily expected from France, were read, and their lordships resolved to take the same into further consideration to-morrow morning.

Newfoundland.*Letter to Lord**Bolingbroke.**Memorials about**survey.*

A letter to the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, ordered yesterday to be transcribed, for inclosing to his lordship the copies of a representation from the town of Dartmouth [*fo.* 128], and of a letter from Captain Taverner [*fo.* 128], relating to the taking a survey &c. of Newfoundland, was sign'd.

Jamaica.*Letter from Lord**Viscount Bolingbroke.**Complaint of the**Assembly.**Regiment.***Newfoundland.***Letter from Colonel**Moody.**Instructions.***Jamaica.***Letter to Mr. Thurston.**Notice to merchants
about the regiment,*

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, dated yesterday, relating to a complaint of the Assembly of Jamaica, about the maintaining Major-General Handasyd's regiment in that island [*fo.* 138], during time of peace, and inclosing the copy of a letter from Colonel Moody [*fo.* 130, 136, 140], relating to several instructions necessary for his conduct at Newfoundland, was read, together with the copy of Mr. Moody's letter. Whereupon ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Thurston, agent for Jamaica, to acquaint him with the said complaint, that he may give notice thereof to such merchants and planters as are in town, with the Board's desire

of speaking with them thereupon on Tuesday next at eleven of the clock in the morning; and that another letter be writ to Colonel Laws, desiring likewise to speak with him and any others he shall think fit on that subject at the same time.

Further ordered, in relation to the foremention'd copy of Colonel Moody's letter [fo. 129], that Captain Taverner be desired to attend the Board on Fryday morning next.

A letter from Royal African Company, dated the 15th instant, in answer to the secretary's letter to them of the 12th of the last month, upon a memorial from Monsieur Bonnet [fo. 86], Resident of Prussia, relating to his Prussian Majesty's settlements on the coast of Africa, was read. Whereupon ordered that a letter be writ to Monsieur Bonet [fo. 133], acquainting him with the receipt of the foresaid letter from the Royal African Company, and that their lordships should be glad if his affairs would permit him to come to the Board on Fryday next at eleven of the clock.

February 18. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

The letter from the Lord Bolingbroke, of 16th instant [fo. 128], inclosing a copy of her Majesty's instructions to her commissaries appointed to treat with those of France, was again read; and ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Martin, secretary to the said commissaries [fo. 133], to acquaint him that the Board desire to speak with them at 11 of the clock in the morning.

Mr. Compere [fo. 104, 140] desiring to be heard again by council upon an Act for vesting the estate of Thomas Finch in trustees for the payment of 3,800*l.* due from him as commissioner to the public of Jamaica, past the 8th of June, 1711; their lordships appointed Thursday next at ten of the clock in the morning to hear that matter, and ordered that Mr. Cobb, who appears on the other side, have notice thereof.

Mr. Royle attending [fo. 127], as he had been desired the 12th instant, as also Mr. Chester and Colonel Woodbridge, upon an Act pass'd in Barbadoes, relating to a spring or rivulet called the Three Houses Spring, Mr. Royle said that Mr. Heysham, who is agent for that island, being ill of the gout, and not able to wait on their lordships, he was not willing to take upon himself the making of any agreement in relation to the said Act, and therefore desir'd a further day. Mr. Chester and Mr. Woodbridge said that the allegations in the Act that the course of the rivulet had been changed was not true, and that they wou'd, in case their lordships shou'd think fit to represent the Act to be repealed, write to Mr. Sandford that the course of the rivulet shou'd not be alter'd, and that it continue for the future as it has hitherto done; whereupon their lordships agreed to consider the same at a convenient opportunity.

February 19. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

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Letter to Colonel Laws.

Newfoundland.
Moody's letter.
Captain Taverner
summon'd.

Trade.
Letter from Royal
African Company.

Prussian settlements.

Letter to Monsieur
Bonet.

Trade.
France.
Letter from Lord
Bolingbroke.
Instructions to
comissaries.
Letter to Mr. Martin.

Jamaica.
Mr. Compere.
Act about Finch.

Hearing appointed.
Notice to Mr. Cobb.

Barbadoes.
Mr. Royle, Mr.
Chester &c.
Act about Three
Houses Spring.

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Trade.

*Monsieur Bonet.
Letter from Royal
African Company.
Prussian settlements.*

Commissaries
*for treating with the
French.*

Monsieur Bonet attending [fo. 130], as he had been desired the 17th instant, their lordships communicated to him an extract of a letter from the Royal African Company, of the 15th, upon a memorial from the said Monsieur Bonet, relating to the King of Prussia's settlements in Africa, and acquainted him that, in ten days' or three weeks' time, their lordships would send for the said Company, when Monsieur Bonet should be present also, that they may explain themselves more particularly upon the said memorial.

Mr. Whitworth, Mr. Murray, Sir Joseph Martin and Mr. Frederick Herne [fo. 131, 136], her Majesty's commissaries for treating with those of France, attending as they had been desired yesterday, their lordships acquainted them with their opinion,—

That they ought in the first place to insist with the French commissaries that all the articles in the Treaty of Commerce except the 8th and 9th, are positive.

Next, that the extent of the words, goods and merchandizes of Great Britain, mention'd in the 9th article, be explain'd as in the Bill before the House of Comons the last year.

Thirdly, that it be agreed that any exemptions of duties or privileges in commerce that shall be granted in France, to, or enjoy'd by, any other nation, in respect of the four excepted species, shall be likewise enjoy'd by the subjects of Great Britain.

Then these gentlemen desiring to know what steps had been taken in France in relation to the first of the aforementioned heads, for their better guidance, their lordships immediately writ a letter to my Lord Viscount Bolingbroke [fo. 135], desiring that they may have such extracts of letters and other papers, that will shew that the French have objected, that the 9th article, not being made effectual by a law here, all the rest of the treaty is void, and that his lordship would please to transmit the same to this Board, in order to their delivering it to the commissaries aforesaid.

*Letter to Lord
Viscount Bolingbroke.*

*Objections of the
French on account of
the 8th and 9th articles
of the treaty.*

February 22. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows,

Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts.

Trade.
*Letter from Lord
Viscount Bolingbroke.
Extracts of letters to
and from Mr. Prior.
French interpretation
of the Treaty of
Commerce
sent to commissaries.
Copies of minutes
given them.*

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of the 19th instant [fo. 134], with extracts of letters between his lordship and Mr. Prior, relating to some difficulties started about the interpretation of the Treaty of Commerce with France, in answer to the letter writ to his lordship the same day, was read; and ordered that copies of the said letter and extracts be sent to her Majesty's commissary's for treating with those of France.

The secretary acquainted their lordships that Mr. Martin, secretary to her Majesty's commissaries, had been here this morning, to desire from them a copy of that part of their lordships' minutes which relates to what pass'd when they were at the Board on Fryday last [fo. 133]; ordered that the same be sent to them accordingly.

Trade.
*Letter from Mr.
Martin about com-
missaries attending
the Board.*

A letter from Mr. Joseph Martin, secretary to her Majesty's commissaries, acquainting their lordships that the said commissaries desired to attend them to-morrow morning [fo. 139], was read, and ordered that the secretary acquaint Mr. Martin that their lordships will be ready to-morrow at eleven of the clock.

Captain Taverner attending [*fo.* 129], the copy of Colonel Moody's letter to my Lord Bolingbroke, dated at Lisbon the 25th of January last, mention'd in the minutes of the 17th instant, was read to him; whereupon he said that he was of opinion that the first and second of the instructions desired by Colonel Moody were reasonable and necessary.

As to the third, relating to his holding a court marshal, he said he could give no opinion upon it; but he thought it was proper that Colonel Moody should be empower'd to command the inhabitants to join with the soldiers in case of an invasion either by pirates or others; and he was of opinion that the inhabitants would not be very easy, if Colonel Moody had a power to command them to cut wood (though it were after the fishing season) for building of a fortification.

February 23. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

A letter from Mr. Pulleine, Lieutenant Governor of Bermuda, dated the 9th January last, giving an account that Spanish privateers, commission'd by their several governors in America, have taken several ships belonging to her Majesty's subjects in those parts, for having silver, salt, cocoa, hides or brazellette wood on board, and inclosing two affidavits confirming the same, were read; and a letter immediately drawn up and sign'd for inclosing copies thereof to my Lord Bolingbroke [*fo.* 146].

Colonel Laws, Mr. Kent, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Aylmer, Mr. Beckford and several other Jamaica merchants and planters attending, and being ask'd their opinion in relation to the recalling the regiment that is at Jamaica [*fo.* 129, 152], or to the keeping it there still, they said that the keeping the regiment there wou'd undoubtedly be of great security to the island, either in case of a new war, or in case of any attempts from their negroes; but they were satisfy'd the Assembly would subsist them no longer, and had lately pass'd an Act for subsisting them till May next and no longer; that the regiment consists of 300 men, and have been subsisted at the rate of 13*l.* a year for the private centinels and 52*l.* a year for the officers; that, if the regiment was recalled, it wou'd certainly be a great disadvantage to the island; and therefore they proposed that the corps of the regiment might be recall'd, and the private centinels left at liberty to stay there or return. In that case they did not doubt but the greatest part of them would stay there, and by consequence would be inlisted in the militia, and by that means be a strengthening to the island. Then these gentlemen being desired to put their thoughts on this matter in writing, they promised to do it accordingly.

Her Majesty's commissaries attending [*fo.* 136, *v. infra*], they acquainted their lordships that they perceived the French commissaries expected that we should make all our explanatory demands at once, and therefore they desired the directions of the Board what they shou'd do in case the French should insist thereon. Whereupon they were acquainted with their lordships' opinion

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Governor, about British
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that they ought to proceed article by article, as proposed by their lordships in what they laid before the Lords of the Cabinet Council the 18th December last, and as they are directed in her Majesty's instructions to them.

February 25. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Trade.
Commissaries at the
Board.

Full powers,
credentials &c.

Newfoundland.
Letter to Lord
Bolingbroke.
Instructions to
Colonel Moody.

Jamaica.
Hearing about Finch,
Simpson and Gandy.

Order of Council.

Representation.
Attorney and
Solicitor General's.

Her Majesty's commissaries attending [*v. supra*, 149], acquainted their lordships that they had been this morning to visit the French commissaries, and that Monsieur D'Iberville had inform'd them that he had no full powers, but yet expected to assist in the conferences with the other two commissaries, by virtue of his credentials and instructions from the King; and therefore her Majesty's commissaries desired to have the directions of the Board in this particular. Whereupon they were acquainted that so soon as they exchanged their full powers on both sides, and copies thereof laid before the Board, their lordships wou'd be better able to give them their opinion in that matter.

A letter to the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, in answer to that part of his lordship's of 16th February, upon a letter from Colonel Moody [*fo.* 129], desiring some instructions touching the soldiers and inhabitants at Newfoundland, was sign'd.

Mr. Serjeant Webb, with Mr. Compere attending [*fo.* 131], in behalf of the heir and creditors of Thomas Finch, late of Jamaica, deceased, and Sir Peter King attending, in behalf of the executors of Thomas Simpson and Charles Gandy, late of the said island, also deceased; her Majesty's Order in Council of the 8th March, 1711 $\frac{1}{2}$, referring back to the Board their lordships' representation of 21 February foregoing, upon the petition of Thomas Simpson and Mrs. Gandy (widow of the said Charles Gandy), and directing their lordships to consult her Majesty's Attorney and Solicitor General thereupon, was read, as was also the said representation, together with Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor General's report thereupon.

Mr. Serjeant Webb then acquainted their lordships that he wou'd not enter upon the state of the case in relation to the passing of the Act for vesting the estate real and personal of the said Thomas Finch in trustees, the better to inable his sureties to pay the summe of 3,800*l.* due from the said Thomas Finch as Commissioner to the publick of this island, that having already been fully laid before their lordships at the last hearing in February, 1711 $\frac{1}{2}$, and before her Majesty by their lordships' foresaid representation.

The main objection that he had heard made to the said representation was, that it is therein asserted that by the laws of that island, real estates are not subject to pay debts; in answer whereunto he said that at the first hearing that was not controverted by the other side, neither is it taken notice of in Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor's foresaid report; that indeed there was no written law for it, but it was the common law of that island, and he could prove (were it question'd) by the testimony of the most considerable persons of that island here in England, that real estates are not

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liable to pay debts there (even in the case of the Crown) longer than for the life of the party.

He then made several objections to Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor General's report; that by an Act pass'd the 5th April, 1710, for appropriating the sum of 5,000*l.* for fitting two sloops &c., Finch, Gandy and Simpson became bound in a bond to her Majesty for the sume of 5,000*l.*, to be accountable to the Assembly there, which he observ'd was unprecedented, for that they ought to have been accountable to her Majesty.

Whereas in the report the Attorney and Solicitor say that Finch by his receipts acknowledged to have received of Charles Chaplin 1,500*l.* and 2,300*l.*, making together 3,800*l.*, but whereas in reality he received but 1,500*l.*, they do not take notice it was insisted on by Finch in the Assembly at Jamaica, and by those who appeared for him at the hearing before Mr. Attorney and Solicitor General that the receipt for the 2,300*l.* was exacted from Finch by Chaplain and another person, by locking of him up in a room and threatening him in case of refusal, which while Finch was alive might have been proved, but that now it cou'd not be done, unless time were given to send over to Jamaica for it; that the said Finch never did receive that money, for Chaplin, pretending Finch ow'd him so much, discounted that sum with him, which was not justifiable in Chaplin; besides, that by the Act for appropriating the 5,000*l.* Chaplin is directed to pay the money as collected to the commissioners, and not to any one or more of them, so that Chaplin ought in reality to be accountable for the money paid to Finch or Simpson, he not having done it as directed by the Act. He further took notice that the receipt for the 2,300*l.* was not exacted till after the Assembly had call'd for an account of the 5,000*l.*

Whereas Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor say that Chaplin, having given a note to Finch, declaring that, as there was an account depending, if it should appear, on the settling that account, that there was not so much due to him as Finch had given receipts for, Chaplain wou'd refund the overplus, and as it did not appear to them that Finch had ever accounted with Chaplin, they concluded that he was debtor to him in the sums mention'd in Finch's receipts. In answer to which, Mr. Serjeant said that the reason why Finch did not account, was that he was clapt up in prison, and his estate books and papers seized, so that he was incapacitated from doing it.

As to the letter writ by Finch to Mr. Howard, a member of the Assembly, mention'd by Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor General, they (*sic*) could never be interpreted as a consent of Finch's to the passing of the Act, for that letter only set forth his readiness to sell his estate for the repayment of such monies as he had receiv'd from Chaplin, and willingness to put it into the hands of such trustees as the Assembly shou'd appoint, and not that they shou'd take it from him, and sell it at an under value, as has actually been done; besides, that Finch did desire to be heard in the Assembly against the passing to (*sic*) the said Act, but it was refused him.

Mr. Serjeant took notice that there is no provision in the Act, what shall become of the overplus of Finch's estate after the publick

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debts are discharg'd, which he thought a very great hardship to the creditors and children of the said Finch.

As to Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor's reason for confirming the Act, that part of Finch's estate being already sold, the purchasers, if the Act be repealed, will loose the money paid by them for the same, he said that was no consideration, for the Act is not a-law till confirm'd by her Majesty, and therefore, if they have purchased under a wrong title, it was their own faults.

Sir Peter King then said that there was no law in that island that made real estates liable to debts, and he own'd that the custom there had made it otherways, though in the case of the Crown that custom ought not to take place.

He said that there was no force or threats used to obtain the above-mention'd receipts from Finch, but offer'd no proof thereof.

That he thought the payment of the money to any one of the commissioners was a good payment, they having given separate bonds to her Majesty to be answerable for such money as they should receive.

After Sir Peter had been further heard upon this matter; and the counsel withdrawn, their lordships agreed to reconsider the whole matter at the first opportunity, in order to their making a report thereon to her Majesty.

March 1. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Bermuda.
*Letter from Lord
Viscount Bolingbroke.*

*English vessels seiz'd
by the Spaniards.*

Civilians.

*Letters to Sir Charles
Hedges and Sir
Nathanael Lloyd.*

Trade.
*Fishery.
Memorial from
Leverpool.*

Trade.
*Letter from Lord
Provost of Edinburgh.*

Fishery.

*Comerce with
France.*

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, dated 27 of the last month [*fo.* 137], signifying that his lordship having laid the Board's letter of the 23rd of the same month with the papers there inclosed (being copies of a letter and affidavits received from Mr. Pullein, Lieutenant Governor of Bermuda, relating to several vessels seiz'd by the Spaniards in those parts) before the Lords of the Council, it was thought proper the Board should advise with the civill lawyers thereupon, and report the said civilians' and their own opinion, before the Council offer anything to her Majesty in this matter, was read. Whereupon ordered that copies of Mr. Pullein's letter of the 9th of January, 17 $\frac{1}{4}$, and of the affidavits therein referr'd to, be sent to Sir Charles Hedges and Sir Nathanael Lloyd [*fo.* 151], with this Board's desire of their and other civilians' opinion in writing, as to the seizures complain'd of in the said papers, on Fryday morning next, and that their lordships desire likewise to speak with those gentlemen at the same time.

A memorial from the mayor, merchants and fishermen of Leverpoole, dated the 12th of February, in answer to the secretary's letter of 12th January, 17 $\frac{1}{4}$, relating to the fishery, being receiv'd from Mr. Clayton, was read.

A letter from George Warrender, esquire, Lord Provost of Edinburgh, dated the 13th February, 17 $\frac{1}{4}$, in answer to the secretary's letter of 28th January foregoing [*fo.* 109], relating to the fishery, and inclosing the copy of a memorial from the Royal Boroughs of Scotland relating to the Treaty of Commerce with France, was read.

A memorial from the town of Yarmouth, relating to their fishery, being received some time since from Sir John Hynde Cotton, was read.

Then their lordships resolved to take into consideration on Thursday morning next, the several papers in this office relating to the settlements of the island of St. Christopher's.

March 3. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

A letter from Mr. Martin, secretary to her Majesty's commissaries [fo. 139], appointed to treat with those of France, signifying that my Lord Bolingbroke had sent for the copies of the French commissaries' full powers, and that his lordship would let her Majesty's commissaries know her pleasure thereupon; and inclosing a memorial from her Majesty's said commissaries, with the draughts of what they propose to offer to the French commissaries, as a preliminary to their conferences, which letter and papers were read; whereupon letters were immediately writ to the Lord Bolingbroke and Mr. Secretary Bromley, desiring they would please to be at the Board to-morrow morning on this affair; and further ordered that her Majesty's commissaries have notice [fo. 150] to be at the Board at the same time.

A warrant of privy seal, directing the payment of the salaries and incidental charges of this office, was laid before the Board, and read, and a copy thereof ordered to be taken.

March 4. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Bromley, of the 3rd instant [fo. 102, 152], referring to the Board a letter from Mr. Drumond to him, and some amendments made by Mr. Drummond to the draught of a Treaty of Commerce with Flanders, pursuant to a report of this Board's of the 2nd of December last, together with a letter from Mr. Brown to Mr. Drumond, relating to the sale of fish and leather at Bruges, were read, and their lordships agreed to take the same into further consideration to-morrow morning.

Her Majesty's commissaries attending [fo. 149, 152], as they had been desired yesterday, they were acquainted that, the Lord Bolingbroke and Mr. Secretary Bromley being prevented by other business from coming to the Board as they had been desired, their lordships did not think proper to give any particular directions upon the memorial and other papers of the said commissaries, mention'd in yesterday's minutes, till they had first an opportunity of discoursing with my Lord Bolingbroke or Mr. Secretary Bromley.

March 5. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts.

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Yarmouth fish.

*St. Christopher's.
Papers about settling
French part.*

*Trade.
France, commissaries.
Letter from Mr.
Martin.
French full powers.
Memorial from her
Majesty's commis-
saries.*

*Letters to Lord
Bolingbroke and Mr.
Secretary Bromley.*

*Commissaries
summon'd.*

*Miscellanies.
Privy seal.*

*Trade.
Flanders.
Letter from Mr.
Secretary Bromley.
Letter from Mr.
Drummond.
Amendments to
draught of Treaty of
Commerce.
Letter from Mr.
Brown.
Bruges.*

*Trade.
France.
Commissaries.*

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Bermuda.

*Sir Charles Hedges
and Sir Nathanael
Lloyd's answer about
seizures by the
Spaniards.*

*Letter to Lord
Viscount Bolingbroke.*

Jamaica.

*Letter from Colonel
Laws and others.
Colonel Handasydes
regiment.*

*Letter to Lord
Bolingbroke.*

Trade.

*Lord Bolingbroke.
Commissaries.
France.*

Trade.

*Flanders.
Drumond's pro-
posals.*

*Letter to Mr. Secretary
Bromley.*

Trade.

*France.
Commissaries at the
Board.*

*Amendments to
proposals.*

Jamaica.

*Letter to Lord
Viscount Bolingbroke.*

Virginia.

*Letter from Mr.
Lowndes.*

Sir Charles Hedges and Sir Nathanael Lloyd attending [*fo.* 147], presented to their lordships theirs and other civilians' answer to the letter writ them the 1st instant, upon one from Mr. Pulleine, relating to the seizure of several English ships by the Spaniards in America, was read, and after some further discourse with these gentlemen thereupon, a letter was immediately prepared to my Lord Viscount Bolingbroke and sign'd, inclosing a copy of the foremention'd answer, with the opinion of the Board concurring therewith.

A letter from Colonel Laws, Mr. Kent, and other Jamaica merchants and planters, relating to the continuance of Colonel Handasyd's regiment in that island [*fo.* 138, 154], was read, and directions given for preparing a letter to my Lord Bolingbroke, in answer to his of 16th of last month upon that subject.

Their lordships being inform'd that my Lord Bolingbroke intended to be at the Board to-morrow morning, ordered that her Majesty's commissaries [*fo.* 150, 153] have notice to be here also, at half an hour after ten at the latest.

March 6. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts.

Their lordships taking again into consideration Mr. Drumond's proposals [*fo.* 150, 174] upon the observations of the Board of the 2nd of December last, referr'd to their lordships by Mr. Secretary Bromley's letter of the 3rd instant, and mention'd in the minutes of the 4th, a letter to Mr. Secretary was drawn up and sign'd.

March 9. Present:—Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts.

Her Majesty's commissaries attending [*fo.* 152, 164], the draughts of what they proposed to be offer'd to the French commissaries as a preliminary to their conferences, mention'd in the minutes of the 3rd instant, were again read, and after some discourse with them, their lordships agreed to the three articles in the first draught, with the following amendments. In the second article, after the words, *have carried to France*, the following words were added, *and sold there*, and in the said article, after the words *tariff of the year 1664*, the following words were added, *and to such British ships and vessels wherein the same shall be imported*; and in the third article, after the words, *Britanick Majesty*, the following words were added, *shall and may at all times hereafter import into France the merchandizes comprehended under the said excepted species*.

After these gentlemen were withdrawn, their lordships signed a letter to my Lord Bolingbroke [*fo.* 152], in answer to his lordship's of 16th February last, relating to the regiment in Jamaica.

March 11. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts.

A letter from Mr. Lowndes, of the 4th instant [*fo.* 155], signifying the Lord High Treasurer's desire of this Board's opinion upon a

memorial from the Earl of Orkney, relating to some discoveries lately made in Virginia of an ore that has the semblance of silver in it, referr'd to the Lord Treasurer by her Majesty's Order in Council of the 30th of November last, was read, together with the said order and copy of the memorial. Whereupon ordered that Colonel Blakiston, agent for Virginia, have notice to attend the Board to-morrow morning at ten of the clock.

A memorial from Frances Fryday, widow [fo. 157], in behalf of her son John Fryday, under sentence of death in Jamaica for lightning Spanish money, setting forth that the Lord Archibald Hamilton, Governor of that island, had granted her said son a reprieve, and given hopes of recommending him to her Majesty's mercy; and thereupon praying their lordships' favourable representation of what they may have received from the Lord Archibald Hamilton in relation to this matter, was read; and directions were given for laying such papers as are in the office upon this subject before the Board to-morrow morning.

March 12. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows,

Mr. Monckton, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Colonel Blakiston, agent for Virginia, attending, as he had been desired, and Mr. Micajah Perry being also present, the letter from Mr. Lowndes, of the 4th instant [fo. 154, 157], mentioned in yesterday's minutes, referring to the Board, by order of the Lord High Treasurer, a memorial from the Earl of Orkney relating to some mines in Virginia, was again read; whereupon their lordships discoursed these gentlemen, who, representing that several miners had been already sent from hence at a great charge, and that the undertakers must be at considerable expence before they could hope for any return of advantage from this project, wherein there was a probability and hopes of her Majesty's receiving very great profit, without runing the least risque, they proposed that the undertakers be encouraged by a patent for the sole benefit during the first one and twenty years of all such mines as they shou'd discover.

Colonel Blakiston and Mr. Perry then desiring that Mr. Harrison, who is a person of a very good estate, well affected to her Majesty's government, and otherwise well qualify'd, may be recommended to her Majesty for filling up one of the present vacancies in the Council of Virginia, pursuant to the request of Colonel Spotswood, her Majesty's Lieutenant Governor of that colony; after which they withdrew.

Ordered that Colonel Blakiston and Mr. Perry [fo. 155] be desired to prepare and lay before this Board as soon as may be, a memorial in writing of what they desire in relation to the forementioned undertaking of the mines, in order to their lordships' answer to the Lord High Treasurer thereupon.

A representation upon her Majesty's Order in Council of the 8th of March, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ [P. fo. 230], relating to a former representation of this Board upon the petition of Thomas Simpson and the widow of Charles Gandy of Port Royal in Jamaica, deceased [R. fo. 144], as also upon an Act pass'd in that island for vesting the estate real and personal of Thomas Finch in trustees, &c., was sign'd.

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*Memorial from
Earl of Orkney.
Mines.*

*Colonel Blakiston
summond.*

*Jamaica.
Memorial from
Mrs. Fryday.*

Pardon for her son.

*Papers about John
Fryday.*

Virginia.

*Colonel Blakiston.
Mr. Perry.
Mines.*

*Mr. Harrison recom-
mended to be of the
Council.*

*Colonel Blakiston
and Mr. Perry to put
their proposals in
writing about mines.*

*Jamaica.
Representation.
Simpson and Gandy.*

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*Mrs. Fryday's
memorial.
Governor's letter &c.
about John Fryday
under sentence of
death.*

*Representation for
his pardon.*

Their lordships, resuming the consideration of the memorial from Frances Fryday, widow [fo. 155], in behalf of her son John Fryday, under sentence of death in Jamaica for lightening Spanish mony, mention'd in yesterday's minutes, that part of the Lord Archibald Hamilton's letter, dated the 11th of July, 1713, and laid before the Board the 19th of January last, in relation to the said Fryday, was again read, together with his petition and the report of the judges of the Supream Court in Jamaica thereupon, refer'd to in the Lord Archibald Hamilton's said letter; whereupon the draught of a representation for laying before her Majesty the case of the said Fryday, in order to her Majesty's most gracious pardon, was immediately drawn up, agreed and sign'd.

March 16. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Trade.
Newfoundland.
Fishery.
Mr. Mackburney.
Mr. Taverner.

Their lordships, taking again into consideration the fishery of this kingdom, order'd that Mr. Macburney [fo. 160], be desired to attend their lordships on Fryday morning next, and likewise that Mr. Taverner [fo. 162, 170] be directed to lay before the Board at the same time what he has prepar'd in relation to the fishery of Newfoundland [fo. 159, 161].

March 17. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Pennsylvania.
*Orders of Council
upon Acts.*

An Order of Council, of the 20th of February, upon a representation of the 15th of January, 171 $\frac{3}{4}$ [fo. 89], for confirming several laws pass'd in Pennsylvania in the years 1708, 1709, 1710, 1711, and 1712, was read; as also another Order of Council, of the same date, and upon the said representation, for repealing several laws pass'd in that province in the years aforesaid, was read; and directions were given for preparing the draught of a letter for inclosing the said Orders of Council to Captain Gookin, Deputy Governor of Pennsylvania [fo. 160].

*Letter to Captain
Gookin therewith.*

Newfoundland.
*Letter from Mr.
Cuming.*

A letter from Mr. Cumming, of the 10th of October, 1713, relating to the ill state of the fishery and to illegal trade at Newfoundland [fo. 158], was read.

March 19. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Pitts.

St. Christopher's.
*Settlement of the late
French part.*

Their lordships resolved to take into consideration on Tuesday morning next the settlement of the late French part of the island of St. Christopher's.

Pennsylvania.
*Letter to Captain
Gookin.*
Orders upon Acts.

A letter ordered at the last meeting to be prepared to Captain Gookin, Deputy Governor of Pennsylvania [fo. 159], for transmitting two Orders of Council, dated the 20th February, 171 $\frac{3}{4}$, for repealing some and confirming others of the laws pass'd in that province from the year 1708 to 1712, was signed.

Trade.
Mr. Mackburney.
Fishery.

Treatise thereupon.

Mr. Mackburney attending [fo. 158], as desired the 16th instant, and being asked several questions in relation to the fishery of this kingdom, he communicated to the Board a book he had publish'd in the year 1701, intituled *A letter to an honourable member of the House of Commons briefly shewing the wealth, power and*

strength that the Hollanders and other nations gain by fishing on the coast and seas of Great Britain, &c., and he promised likewise to lay before their lordships the draught of a Bill he had prepared to pass into an Act, together with other papers relating to the fishery.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, dated yesterday [fo. 164], referring to the Board the copy of an address from the Council and Assembly of Jamaica to her Majesty, as likewise inclosing an abstract of occurrences there during my Lord Archibald Hamilton's government, and signifying that the disorders and confusions in that and other her Majesty's islands and colonies in those parts, seeming to require some speedy remedy, her Majesty has determined to send a commissioner to enquire thereinto; whereupon her Majesty is pleased to direct their lordships to consider of proper matters for instructions to the said commissioner with relation to Jamaica, Barbadoes, the Leeward Islands &c. [fo. 164], was laid before the Board, and their lordships resolv'd to take the same into consideration on Monday morning next.

Captain Taverner attending, he presented to the Board some remarks on the present state of the English settlements in Newfoundland, together with heads for an Act of Parliament to encourage the trade and fishery of that place, and their lordships agreed to take the same into consideration to-morrow morning.

March 20. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Captain Taverner attending, his remarks on the present state of the English settlements in Newfoundland, with heads for an Act of Parliament to encourage the trade and fishery there [fo. 158], were read; and their lordships resolved to take the same into further consideration on Monday morning next.

Captain Taverner then communicated to the Board an extract of a letter from Mr. Dobree, of Guernsey, to him, dated the 5th March, 1714³/₄, relating to the French settlements at St. Peter's, which was read; and thereupon ordered that a copy of the said extract, and of Captain Taverner's letter mentioned in the minutes of 16th February [fo. 128, 168], relating to his being dispatched for taking a survey of Newfoundland, as likewise a copy of the representation from the mayor, magistrates, merchants &c. of Dartmouth [fo. 122], relating to the preservation and security of the fishery there, mention'd in the minutes of the 11th February, be sent to the Lord High Treasurer [*v. infra*], and the draught of a letter for that purpose prepared against the next meeting.

March 22. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

The draught of a letter to the Lord High Treasurer [*v. supra*], ordered at the last meeting to be prepared for transmitting to his lordship the copy of a representation from the mayor, magistrates, merchants &c. of Dartmouth, relating to the security, trade and survey to be made of Newfoundland &c., being laid before the Board, the said draught was agreed, transcribed and signed.

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*Draught of a Bill
and other papers.*

Jamaica.
*Letter from Lord
Bolingbroke.
Address from Council
and Assembly.
Occurrences in
Jamaica.*

**Jamaica.
Barbadoes.
Leeward Islands.**
*Commission of
inquiry.*

Newfoundland.
*Captain Taverner.
Remarks on state of
English settlements.
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*Taverner.
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settlements.
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*Extract of letter
from Mr. Dobree.
French settlements.
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*Letter to Lord
High Treasurer.*

Newfoundland.
*Letter to Lord
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Barbadoes.

Leeward Islands. Commission of inquiry. Instructions.

A letter from her Majesty's commissaries appointed to treat with those of France in relation to commerce, dated the 20th instant [fo. 153, 172], with a copy of the French full powers, and their answer to the preliminary proposals of her Majesty's commissaries, mention'd in the minutes of the 9th instant, were read.

Then the letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of the 18th instant [fo. 161, 168], with an address from the Council and Assembly of Jamaica &c., mention'd in the minutes of the 19th of this month, were read. Whereupon ordered that the draughts of the commissions and instructions, given to General Nicholson [fo. 161], for inquiring into the state of the governments of her Majesty's colonies on the continent of America, be laid before the Board to-morrow morning.

March 23. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

St. Christopher's.
Mrs. Salenave.
Memorial and
petition.

Mrs. Salenave attending, presented to their lordships a memorial, praying their lordships to take into consideration her petition to her Majesty, relating to an estate of hers in the French part of St. Christopher's, referr'd to this Board by an Order in Council of 17th April, 1712 [P. fo. 169; fo. 172] (mention'd in the minutes of 9th May following), was read, as was also the said petition and Order of Council; and Colonel Blakiston and Mr. Duport being in the office, they were called in, and being asked if they knew anything of the case of Mrs. Salenave, they said that they knew both her and her husband in St. Christopher's; that they always had been friends to the English; that no person on the island were in greater esteem or lived better than they did; that her husband was in possession of the estate many years before the revolution; that she lost besides the estate, when it was taken from her, 120 negroes, all which she might have enjoy'd from the French, wou'd she have changed her religion; unto which she added, that it was now above 33 years since she first went over to St. Christopher's, and that her husband had been in possession of the estate 10 years before she went over. After some further discourse upon this matter, their lordships desired her to get certificates of these several particulars, and of the allegations in her petition, and to lay the same before their lordships on Tuesday, the 6th of April next, which she promised to do accordingly.

Colonel Blakiston
and Mr. Duport's
information thereupon.

Mrs. Salenave to get
certificates.

St. Christopher's.
Reference on petition
of Mrs. Renoult to be
reconsider'd.

A reference from the Earl of Dartmouth, of 25th June, 1712 [fo. 173], upon the petition of Mrs. Renoult, widow, praying letters patents for part of an estate granted her husband by Colonel Codrington in St. Christopher's, was read; whereupon order'd that Mrs. Renoult, or those that appear for her, have notice that their lordships will reconsider her petition and case on Tuesday, the 6th of April next.

St. Christopher's.
Letter from Mr.
Lowndes. Petition
of Stephenson.

A letter from Mr. Lowndes, by order of my Lord High Treasurer, referring to the Board the petition of Captain William Stephenson [fo. 193], praying the confirmation of a lease of some lands in the French part of St. Christopher's, granted to him by the Governor of the Leeward Islands, and desiring the Board to consider the whole that relates to the resettling the French part of St. Christopher's,

was read; and a letter immediately writ to my Lord Bolingbroke, acquainting his lordship therewith, and desiring to know what day will be agreeable to his lordship to come to this Board to consider of those matters.

A letter from Mr. Lowndes, of this day's date, referring to the Board the proposal of Daniel Hall [*fo.* 170, 194], and several other late officers and soldiers, concerning a settlement in North America, and other matters, was read; and their lordships agreed to take the same into consideration on Thursday, the 1st April next.

March 24. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

A draught of a commission and instructions for a commissioner to inquire into the present state of Jamaica, Barbadoes, and the Leeward Islands [*fo.* 164, 171], in like manner as General Nicholson has been authorized to inquire into the state of several governments on the continent of America, pursuant to her Majesty's pleasure, signify'd by the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke's letter of the 18th, mention'd in the minutes of the 19th instant, being laid before the Board, their lordships made a progress in the consideration thereof.

Captain Taverner attending [*fo.* 163, 169], and communicating to the Board her Majesty's commission to him to be surveyor of such parts of Newfoundland and islands adjacent as the French have usually fish'd upon, together with her Majesty's instructions thereupon, Ordered that copies be taken thereof.

March 31. Present:—Lord Guilford, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Pytts.

Captain Taverner attending, presented to their lordships a memorial relating to the importance of his being speedily dispatch'd for Newfoundland, and complaining of the obstructions he has met with [*fo.* 168, *v. infra*], which was read; and their lordships resolved to take the same into further consideration the first opportunity.

April 2. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Captain Taverner attending [*v. supra*, *fo.* 298], his memorial, mentioned in the last minutes, relating to the importance of his being dispatch'd for Newfoundland, and complaining of the obstruction she has met with &c., which (*sic*) was again read; whereupon copies of the said memorial and of the annexed account of necessities wanting to proceed on the survey of Newfoundland being ordered to be immediately prepared, a letter, inclosing the same to the Lord High Treasurer, was signed [*fo.* 298].

Captain Taverner [*fo.* 158] likewise presented to the Board a computation of the quantity of salt sufficient to make the several species of fish therein mention'd, and of the proportion which the excise of the salt bears to the drawback allow'd upon the quantity of fish it cures; and the same was read.

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*Letter to Lord
Viscount Bolingbroke.*

New England.

*Letter from Mr.
Lowndes.*

Jamaica.
Barbadoes.
Leeward Islands.
*Commission of
inquiry and instruc-
tions.*

Newfoundland.
*Taverner's commis-
sion and
instructions.*

1714.

Newfoundland.
*Captain Taverner.
Memorial about his
dispatch.*

Newfoundland.
*Taverner.
Memorial.*

*Letter to Lord
High Treasurer.*

Trade.
*Taverner.
Computation.
Curing fish.
Drawbacks &c.*

1714.

New England.

*Hall's officers' and
soldiers'
settlement in North
America.*

Daniel Hall attending [*fo.* 167, 185], in relation to the petitions and proposal of himself and several other officers and soldiers, about making a settlement in North America, referr'd to the Board by Mr. Lowndes' letter, which was read the 23rd of March, 171 $\frac{3}{4}$, and the said Hall being asked several questions thereupon, he said he was not yet ready to explain himself fully, but wou'd attend their lordships again in a few days for that purpose.

Ryley.

Mr. Ryley, one of the foremention'd petitioners for a settlement in North America, attending, presented to their lordships a memorial on the same subject, which was read; whereupon he was desired to bring a scheme in writing of the particulars he proposes [*fo.* 174], which he promised to do accordingly.

Memorial.

Scheme of particulars.

Barbadoes.

*Mr. Worsley.
Dottin to be of the
Council.*

James Worsley, esquire, appointed her Majesty's Envoy to the Court of Portugal, attending, recommended to their lordships Mr. William Dottin, as a person fitly qualify'd to be a member of her Majesty's Council in the island of Barbadoes; whereupon ordered that his name be enterd upon the list of persons recommended to supply vacancies in the said Council.

April 6. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows,

Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Jamaica.

*Letter from Lord
Viscount Bolingbroke.
Address.*

*Instructions
to quiet disorders.*

Their lordships resolved to take into consideration on Fryday morning next the letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke of the 18th March, 171 $\frac{3}{4}$ [*fo.* 168, 176], with an address from the Council and Assembly of Jamaica &c., and directing such instructions to be prepared as may qualify a person to quiet the disorders and confusions in those parts [*fo.* 185, 189, 192].

Plantations General.

*Circular letter.
Peace and commerce
with Spain.*

A circular letter to all the Governors of the plantations, inclosing her Majesty's proclamation for proclaiming the peace with Spain, together with copies of the treaties of peace and commerce with that kingdom, was signed.

Trade.

*Letter from commis-
saries. Reply from
the French.
Edict against raw
silk from East India.*

A letter from her Majesty's commissaries, of the 3rd instant [*fo.* 164], inclosing the reply of the French commissaries to the proposition made them by those of her Majesty, as also a copy of an edict against the importation of raw silk from the East Indies into France, was read.

Leeward Islands.

*Mrs. Salenave,
Lady Russel,
Mr. Duport &c.*

St. Christopher's.
Order of Council.

Mrs. Salenave attending [*P. fo.* 169], with the Lady Penelope Russell, General Hamilton, Mr. Duport and others, the Order of Council of the 17th April, 1712 (mentioned in the minutes of the 9th May following), upon the petition of Elizabeth Salenave [*fo.* 165, 193], praying that she may enjoy a plantation left her by her husband in St. Christopher's, was read; whereupon she presented to their lordships three certificates to prove the several allegations in her petition, the one signed by Colonel Matthew, the Lady Russell, Mrs. Pinney, Mrs. Moore, and Mr. Renoult, the other signed by Colonel Matthew, Mrs. Moore and Mr. Duport, and the third by Colonel Blakiston and Mrs. Duport, which were read; and General Hamilton being asked several questions, he said that he was at the taking of the French part of that island; that Mrs. Salenave and her husband, having always been in very great esteem of the English, she was by the English forces admitted to the enjoyment of her estate, which was afterwards confirmed

Certificates.

General Hamilton.

to her by King William; that the estate she petitions for may contain about 400 acres, a great part of which, being mountainous, was only fit for cattle, which was also confirm'd by Mr. Duport. After which Mrs. Salenave was desired to lay before their lordships the boundaries of the said plantation.

Mr. Dubourdieu attending in behalf of Mrs. Elizabeth Renoult [fo. 166, 193], the reference from the Earl of Dartmouth, of the 25th June, 1712, upon the petition of Mrs. Renoult, widow, praying letters patents for part of an estate granted her husband by Colonel Codrington in St. Christopher's, was again read; and the daughter of the said Mrs. Renoult attending, presented to their lordships a certificate sign'd by the Lady Russell and Mrs. Salenave [vide Leeward Islands, O. 32], confirming the allegations of her abovesaid petition, which was also read; whereupon she was desired also to bring their lordships an account of the boundaries of the said estate, which she promised to do accordingly. [Boundaries, vide Colonel Codrington's patent, O. 32.]

A letter from Mr. Secretary Bromley, of the 3rd instant [fo. 152], directing that the instructions given for settling the trade with Flanders, and an account of what progress hath been made therein, be forthwith laid before the House of Commons [fo. 178], was read; whereupon ordered that copies of the several papers in this office, relating to the trade with Flanders and other parts of the Spanish Netherlands, be accordingly prepared with all expedition.

April 8. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Several of the disbanded soldiers attending, presented to their lordships, pursuant to the minutes of the 2nd instant, an estimate of the charges of settling a colony in North America [fo. 171], to consist of five independant companies, allowing four years for the settlement, as also an estimate of the neat profit of coining 1,500 ton of copper into half-pence and farthings, which were read; whereupon ordered that the last of the said estimates be sent to Sir Isaac Newton [fo. 180] for his opinion and observations thereupon.

Their lordships took into consideration the draught of a representation relating to the fishery of this kingdom [fo. 176], and ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Carkess [fo. 177], to desire to know what is the drawback allow'd upon the exportation of twelve barrels of white herrings, ten barrels of red herrings for the Mediterranean, ten barrels of red herrings for Holland, one hogshhead of pilchards, 120 mud cod of 24 inches, and 120 dry cod of 24 inches.

April 9. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Their lordships again taking into consideration the draught of a representation relating to the fishery of the kingdom and of Newfoundland [fo. 175], ordered that Mr. Roope be desired to attend their lordships on Tuesday next.

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Boundaries of Mrs. Salenave's plantation.

*Mr. Dubourdieu,
Mrs. Renoult.
Letter from Earl of
Dartmouth.*

Certificate.

Boundaries of Mrs. Renoult's estate.

*Trade.
Letter from Mr.
Secretary Bromley.
Flanders.
House of Commons.*

*New England.
Disbanded soldiers.
Estimates of settle-
ment and copper coin.*

*Letter to Sir Isaac
Newton.*

*Trade.
Fishery.*

*Trade.
Newfoundland.
Representation.
Fishery.*

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Jamaica.

*Letter from Lord
Bolingbroke.
Address from Council
and Assembly.
Instructions for
quieting disorders.*

The letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of the 18th of March, 1714³/₄, with an address from the Council and Assembly of Jamaica &c. [*fo.* 171], and directing such instructions to be prepared as may qualify a person to quiet the disorders and confusions in those parts, was read, and their lordships agreed to proceed further in that matter on Monday morning next.

April 12. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharpe.

Jamaica.**Leeward Islands.**

*Letter from Mr.
Secretary Bromley.
Papers about the
garrisons.*

House of Commons.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Bromley, of the 10th instant, signifying her Majesty's pleasure that copies of the several papers and representations relating to the garrisons of Jamaica and the Leeward Islands [*fo.* 179], which have been sent from the Governors of those places, and the opinion of the Assembly with respect to the forces there, be forthwith laid before the House of Commons, was read; whereupon ordered that copies of such papers as have been received from thence upon this subject, be prepared accordingly.

Trade.

*Letter from Mr.
Carkesse.
Drawbacks.
Fish.*

Plantations General.

*Letter from Lord
Viscount Bolingbroke.
Keith,
Surveyor General,
counsellor.*

A letter from Mr. Carkesse of the 9th instant [*fo.* 175], with an account from the Custom House, what drawback is allow'd upon the exportation of several sorts of fish, in answer to the secretary's letter of the 8th instant, was read.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of the 9th instant, referring to the Board a memorial from Mr. Keith [*fo.* 186], appointed Surveyor General of her Majesty's Customs on the continent of America, praying to be constituted a member of her Majesty's Council in each of the provinces under his inspection, together with the said memorial, was read.

Trade.*Flanders papers.**House of Commons.*

Then the copies of several papers in this office relating to the trade with Flanders and other parts of the Spanish Netherlands, being prepared according to order, they were laid before the Board, together with a list thereof, and Sir John Hynde Cotton [*fo.* 174] being desired to present the same to the House of Commons, pursuant to her Majesty's commands signify'd to their lordships by Mr. Secretary Bromley's letter of the 3rd, mentioned in the minutes of the 6th instant, he promised to do it accordingly.

April 13. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Newfoundland.

*Mr. Roop.
Amendments to Act
about the fishery.*

Mr. John Roop attending [*fo.* 176], presented to their lordships some amendments desired by Newfoundland traders to be made to the Act of Parliament relating to the trade and fishery of that place, which were read.

Trade.*Account of Minorca.*

He likewise presented to the Board an account of the island of Minorca, which was read.

Jamaica.**Leeward Islands.**

*Papers about gar-
risons, for House of
Commons.*

Then the copies of the several papers ordered yesterday to be prepared, relating to the garrisons of Jamaica and the Leeward Islands [*fo.* 177], being laid before the Board, with a list thereof, Mr. Pytts was desired to present the same to the House of Commons, pursuant to her Majesty's pleasure signify'd by Mr. Secretary

Bromley's letter of the 10th instant; which he promised to do accordingly.

April 14. Present :—Lord Guilford, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Pytts.

A letter from Sir Isaac Newton [*fo.* 175], master worker of her Majesty's Mint, dated the 13th, in answer to one writ him the 8th instant, upon an estimate relating to the coining 1,500 tons of copper into half-pence and farthings, together with his observations upon the said estimate, were read; whereupon several of the disbanded soldiers, who propose to make a settlement in North America, attending the Board, that part of Sir Isaac's letter which mentions the coinage of copper being under the consideration of the Lord High Treasurer, was communicated to them.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of the 13th instant [*fo.* 199], referring to the Board a memorial of the Governor and Company of Hudson's Bay, and a petition of several persons in behalf of themselves and the inhabitants of Mountserrat, as likewise the extract of a letter from Mr. Fleetwood [*fo.* 200], Consul at Naples, and signifying her Majesty's pleasure, that their lordships should consider the said memorial and petition, and the several matters which are refer'd to commissaries by the 10th, 11th and 15th articles of the late Treaty of Peace with the Most Christian King &c., and represent the whole to her Majesty, was read. Whereupon ordered that the draught of a letter to my Lord Bolingbroke be prepared, with the opinion of the Board that her Majesty be pleased to signify to the Court of France that commissions should be appointed, in order to discuss the several matters refer'd to commissaries by the foremention'd 10th, 11th and 15th articles of peace, it not appearing to the Board that the French commissaries now here have any powers to treat upon the said matters.

In relation to the forementioned extract of Mr. Fleetwood's letter, ordered that Mr. Andrew Hopegood, Mr. James Porteen and Mr. Richard Frome, with any other merchants trading to Naples, be desired to attend the Board at ten of the clock on Tuesday morning next.

A letter from Jeronimy Clifford, dated this day, relating to the papers before this Board, about his claim from the Dutch at Surinam, was read, and several other letters &c. from him on the same subject, were laid before their lordships; whereupon order'd that the secretary write to acquaint the said Clifford, that this Board have already done all they can in that affair of Surinam.

Ordered that the secretary endeavour to procure at the Treasury an account of the annual account of the duty of $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. in Barbadoes and the Leeward Islands.

April 16. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Sharp.

Their lordships, taking into consideration several papers relating to the tobacco trade, and particularly a representation from the President, Council and Assembly of Maryland (refer'd to in Colonel Lloyd's letter of the 10th November, 1713) to the Board,

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New England.
Letter from Sir Isaac Newton.
Observations about coynage.

Disbanded soldiers.

Hudson's Bay.
Memorial of Governor and Company.

Mountserrat.
Petition for inhabitants.

Trade.
Letter from Mr. Fleetwood.
Naples.
Letter from Lord Bolingbroke.

Hudson's Bay.
Entry A. 124, 125.
Bund. A. 52, 53.
Trade Bund. N. 117.

Miscellanies.
Letter from Mr. Clifford.
Surinam.

Answer to him

Barbado's.
Leeward Islands.
 $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Virginia.
Maryland.
Representations,
Tobacco trade.
Not yet read.

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*Letter to Lord
Bolingbroke.*

relating to the ill state of that province by the decay of the tobacco trade, and another from the Council of Virginia (referr'd to in Colonel Spotswood's letter of the 14th September, 1713) [*fo.* 83], mentioned in the minutes of the 7th of January last on the same subject, which were read; and a letter immediately drawn up to the Lord Bolingbroke, inclosing copies of the said two representations, was signed.

April 19. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Trade.
*Mr. Jones's petition.
Harbour at the Land's
End.
N. 118-121.*

Henry Jones, esquire, attending, presented to the Board a copy of his petition to the House of Commons, for making an harbour in Whitsand Bay at the Land's End in Cornwall, as likewise the following printed papers, which were severally read, vizt. :

Reasons for making an harbour at the Land's End at Cornwall.

Ralph Mitchell's reasons for making a harbour in Whitsand Bay at the Land's End.

Several objections against Whitsand Bay's being made a harbour, answer'd.

St. Christopher's.
*Settling French part.
Mr. Duport and Crisp
summond.*

Their lordships then resuming the consideration of the settlement of the late French part of the island of St. Christopher's, made a progress therein, and ordered that Mr. Duport and Mr. Crisp [*fo.* 189] be desired to attend the Board at eleven of the clock on Monday morning next.

April 20. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

New England.
Disbanded soldiers.

Trade.
*Proposals from Hall.
South Sea Company.
N. 122.*

Some proposals from Daniel Hall [*fo.* 170, 189] (who appears with the disbanded soldiers) about less'ning the interest money and debts which the Crown and Government lye under to the South Sea Company, being laid before the Board, were read.

Plantations General.
*Letter from Mr.
Harley.
Expence of each
government.
Letter to Mr.
Blathwayt.
Revenues, grants &c.
in
Jamaica.*

Their lordships, reconsidering the letter from Mr. Harley, of the 23rd of May last [*fo.* 116], mention'd in the minutes of the 1st of June following, relating to the several plantations defraying their own expence; order'd that a letter be writ to Mr. Blathwayt, to desire an account of all the revenues, rents and quit-rents payable to the Crown in Jamaica, and of the arrears thereof, as also an account of all grants of lands in that island, the quantity of acres in each grant, to whom granted, and under what covenants, since the year 1660.

Plantations General.
*Memorial of Keith to
be counsellor.*

Then the memorial from Mr. Keith [*fo.* 178], inclosed in the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke's letter of the 9th, mentioned in the minutes of the 12th instant, praying to be constituted a member of her Majesty's several Councils on the continent of America, as Colonel Quarry, late Surveyor General of her Majesty's Customs in those parts, had been, was again read; whereupon the secretary was ordered to desire the said Keith to produce a copy of the commission, whereby Colonel Quarry was constituted Surveyor General, as aforesaid.

*Copy of Quarry's
commission.*

April 21. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts,

A letter from Mr. Lewis, by order of Mr. Secretary Bromley, inclosing an address from the House of Commons of the 20th instant, praying that the papers and representations delivered in by the Spanish merchants to the Council of Trade, relating to the commerce between England and Spain, be laid before that House, was read, and the memorial received from Sir William Hodges, containing such articles of commerce with Spain as were proposed by the merchants, also a copy of the Bilboa merchants' reply to my Lord Lexington about settling our trade in that part of Spain, as also a letter from Sir William Hodges, with another memorial from several Spanish merchants, relating to a Treaty of Commerce between Great Britain and Spain, being copy'd, Mr. Pytts was desired to lay them before the House, which he promised to do accordingly.

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Trade.

*Letter from Mr.**Lewis.**Address from House
of Commons.**Spanish papers.*

April 26. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

A letter from Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of the 20th instant, desiring their lordships' dispatch of what they may have to offer upon the project of the Treaty of Commerce with Portugal turned into Latin [*fo.* 110, 191], and referr'd to the Board by his lordship's letter of the 27th (mentioned in the minutes of the 29th) of January last, was read, and their lordships resolved to take the same again into consideration to-morrow morning.

Mr. Stephen Duport and Mr. Crisp attending [*fo.* 185, 192], as ordered the 19th instant, in relation to the settlements of the late French part of the island of St. Christopher's, and being desired to give their opinion what may be most for her Majesty's and the publick interest in the disposal thereof, they promised to bring a memorial upon that subject on Fryday morning next.

Trade.

*Letter from Lord
Viscount Bolingbroke.
N. 124.**Treaty of Commerce.
Portugal.*

St. Christopher's.

*Mr. Duport and Crisp.
Settling French part.*

April 27. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Daniell Hall and several disbanded soldiers attending [*fo.* 185], and praying their lordships' report upon their proposals relating to a settlement in North America, &c., they were acquainted that the Board will represent their opinion thereupon to the Lord High Treasurer as soon as conveniently they can.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of the 22nd instant, requiring this Board to prepare such draughts of instructions as they may judge necessary to be given the Lord Bingley [*fo.* 212] (appointed to go to Spain), as well on the Treaty of Commerce lately concluded between her Majesty and the Catholick King, as on any other matters relating to the trade of this kingdom, was read; and thereupon ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Carkesse [*fo.* 194], desiring him to move the Commissioners of her Majesty's Customs, that their lordships may have with all convenient speed a list of the denominations of the several species of goods usually sent from this kingdom to Spain, and of those imported hither from thence.

Mr. Sleford attending, their lordships had some discourse with him about promoting the fishery, and he was desired to prepare and bring to this Board, as soon as he can, a memorial in writing of the methods

New England.

*Hall and other dis-
banded soldiers.
Representation.*

Trade.

Spain.

*Letter from Lord
Bolingbroke.
N. 125.**Instructions for Lord
Bingley.**Letter to Mr.
Carkesse.**Goods sent to and
from Spain.*

Mr. Sleford.

Fishery.

1714.

*Memorial
promised.*

Portugal.

Treaty of Commerce.

which he thinks properest for recovering and improving the fishery of Great Britain, and carrying it on, for the best profit and advantage to the nation, which he promised to do accordingly.

Then their lordships, pursuant to their resolution of yesterday, resuming the consideration of the draught of a Treaty of Commerce with Portugal in Latin [*fo. 188, v. infra*], a progress was made therein.

April 29. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Their lordships made a further progress in considering the Latin draught of a Treaty of Commerce with Portugal [*v. supra, fo. 201*], mentioned in yesterday's minutes.

Then their lordships resolved to proceed every Fryday upon affairs relating to her Majesty's several plantations in America.

Trade.

Portugal.

Treaty of Commerce.

Plantations General.

*Days for plantation
affairs.*

April 30. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Mr. Duport and Mr. Crisp attending, according to appointment, as likewise Mr. Shepherd, they presented to their lordships a memorial relating to the settlement of the late French part of the island of St. Christopher's [*fo. 189, 195*], which was read.

A letter from Mr. Lowndes, of the 5th instant, referring to the Board, by order of the Lord High Treasurer, the petitions of several Protestant refugees, for their estates in the late French part of St. Christopher's, together with the said petitions, were also severally read.

An Order of Council, of the 17th of April, 1712 [*fo. 172*], upon the petition of Elizabeth Salnave, praying that she may enjoy a plantation left her by her husband in St. Christopher's, mentioned in the minutes of the 9th of May, 1712, as also an Order of Council of the 24th of June, 1713 [*P. fo. 395, 196*], referring to the Board an address from the Council and Assembly of St. Christopher's, and the petition of Mr. Duport, praying that the poor inhabitants there may have shares of the French part of that island given them, which, by the late Treaty of Peace, is to be vested in her Majesty, mention'd in the minutes of the 9th of July, 1713, and further the references from the Earl of Dartmouth of the 25th of June, 1712, upon the petition of Mrs. Renoult [*fo. 173*], and the letter from Mr. Lowndes referring to the Board the petition of Captain Stephenson [*fo. 167, 196*], both relating to estates in the said island of St. Christopher's, and mentioned in the minutes of the 23rd of March last, were all again read. Whereupon their lordships gave directions for preparing the draughts of representations upon the several foremention'd petitions and memorials &c.

A letter from Mr. Carkess [*fo. 190*], of the 29th (in answer to one writ him the 27th) instant, inclosing a list of the denominations of the several species of goods usually sent from this kingdom to Spain, and of those imported from thence, was read, and directions given for preparing a copy of the said list.

St. Christopher's.

Mr. Duport, Crisp, &c.

*Memorial about late
French part.*

Letter from Mr.

Lowndes.

*Petitions of Protestant
refugees.*

St. Christopher's.

Order of Council.

Petition of Salnave.

Order of Council.

*Address from St.
Christopher's and
petition of Duport.*

References from Earl

of Dartmouth.

Renoult.

Stephenson.

*Representations
to be prepared.*

Trade.

Letter from Mr.

Carkesse.

*List of goods sent
to and from Spain.
N. 126.*

Then their lordships, taking again into consideration Mr. Lowndes's letter of the 23rd of March, 17¹³/₁₄, mention'd in the minutes of that day, with the several proposals from Daniel Hall and other disbanded soldiers [*fo.* 167, 195], relating to a settlement to be made in North America, the coinage of copper and other matters, the draught of a letter to the Lord High Treasurer being thereupon prepared, the same was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

May 3. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

A letter to the Lord High Treasurer, agreed at the last meeting, upon the petitions and proposals of Daniel Hall and other disbanded soldiers [*fo.* 194, 361], relating to a settlement in North America, the coinage of copper &c., was signed.

Their lordships then resumed the consideration of settling the late French part of the island of St. Christopher's [*fo.* 192, 196], and made a progress therein.

May 4. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Their lordships, taking into consideration the settlement of the late French part of the island of St. Christopher's [*fo.* 195, 198], the draughts of a representation to her Majesty, and of a letter to the Lord High Treasurer in pursuance of the Order in Council of the 24th June [*fo.* 193], mentioned in the minutes of the 9th of July last, upon an address from the Council and Assembly of the said island, and Mr. Lowndes's letters of the 21st of September, which was read the same day, and of the 5th, mentioned in the minutes of the 30th of the last month, referring to the Board the petitions of Captain Stephenson [*fo.* 193], and of several French refugees &c., were agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Mr. Sleford attending [*fo.* 287, 236], presented to the Board a proposal for setting up the fishery for herrings, ling and codd on our own coasts, improving our fishery at Newfoundland, and regaining the whale fishing at Greenland, with reasons in behalf thereof, which were read. Whereupon ordered that Mr. Sleford be desired to let their lordships know what may be the exact quantity of salt necessary for well curing the following sorts and quantities of fish, vizt.:

A last or 12 barrils of white herrings.

Ten barrils of red herrings for the Mediterranean.

Ten barrils of red herrings for Holland for present spending.

One hoggshead of pilchards, q^t. 50 gallons.

One hundred and twenty mud codd of 24 inches.

One hundred and twenty dry codd.

May 5. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Pytts.

The representation to her Majesty and letter to the Lord High Treasurer [*fo.* 196], agreed yesterday, relating to the settlement of the late French part of the island of St. Christopher's [*fo.* 328], were sign'd.

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New England.

Disbanded soldiers.
Proposals of
settlement.

Coinage &c.
Letter to Lord
High Treasurer.

New England.

Letter to Lord
High Treasurer.
Hall &c.

Disbanded soldiers.

St. Christopher's.
Settling late French
part.

St. Christopher's.

Settlement of late
French part.
Representation and
letter to Lord High
Treasurer on
several petitions &c.

Newfoundland.

Trade.

Mr. Sleford.
Proposal about the
fishery.

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Letter to Mr.
Sleford.
Proportion of salt
for curing fish.

St. Christopher's.

Representation.
Letter to Lord
High Treasurer.

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New England.

Letter from Lord
Viscount Bolingbroke.
Petition of Sir Bibye
Lake.
Lands in New Eng-
land.
Letter from Mr. West.

Mr. West
summond.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, dated the 23rd of April, 1714 [*fo.* 202, 238], referring to the Board a petition from Sir Bibye Lake, desiring that his title to some lands near Kennebeck River in New England, may be confirm'd to him by letters patents, was read, as also a letter from Mr. West, of the 27th of the last month, by way of caveat against Sir Bibye Lake's claim to an island near Pemaquid; whereupon ordered that the said Sir Bibye Lake and Mr. West have notice to attend their lordships on Wednesday morning next.

May 7. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Trade.
Hudson's Bay.
Mountserratt.
Letter from Lord
Bolingbroke.

Letter to Mr.
Martin.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke of the 13th, mentioned in the minutes of the 14th April, 1714 [*fo.* 180, 206], was again read; and upon the memorial from the Hudson's Bay Company and the petition in behalf of the inhabitants of Mountserratt, referr'd to the Board by his lordship's said letter, ordered that the secretary write to Mr. Martin [*fo.* 205], signifying the Board's desire that her Majesty's commissaries appointed to treat with those of France, will inform themselves and let their lordships know whether the French commissaries are impower'd to treat upon the subject matters of the foresaid memorial and petition, pursuant to the 10th, 11th and 15[th] articles of peace with France.

Trade.

Extract of letter from
Mr. Fleetwood.
Naples.
Letter to merchants
about Mr. Fleetwood's
coming to England.

Further ordered, upon the extract of a letter from Mr. Fleetwood [*fo.* 181], her Majesty's Consul at Naples, referr'd likewise to the Board by the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke's foremention'd letter, that the secretary write to Mr. Porten, Mr. Hopegood and Mr. Frome [*fo.* 206], for their opinion in writing as soon as may be, whether Mr. Fleetwood's coming to England for six months as he desires, will be of prejudice to the trade in those parts.

Fishery.

Then their lordships resolved to take again into consideration the fishery of this kingdom on Tuesday morning next.

May 10. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Newfoundland.
Fishery.
Letter from Mr.
Lowndes.
Paper from Mr.
Jaqueau.
Mr. Jaqueau to
attend.

A letter from Mr. Lowndes, of the 8th instant [*fo.* 204], by order of the Lord High Treasurer, together with a paper from Mr. Moses Jaqueau concerning the clandestine practices of foreign merchants, with relation to the Newfoundland fishery, were read; whereupon directions were given to acquaint the said Jaqueau[u] that their lordships desire to speak with him at ten of the clock on Wednesday morning next.

Trade.

Treaty of Commerce.
Portugal.

Then their lordships resumed the consideration of the draught of a Treaty of Commerce with Portugal [*fo.* 191, *v. infra*], and made a further progress therein.

May 11. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Trade.
Portugal.
Treaty of Commerce.

Their lordships made a further progress in considering the draught of a Treaty of Commerce with Portugal [*v. supra*, 203], and resolved to proceed on the same subject to-morrow morning.

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May 12. Present :—Lord Guilford, Mr. Monckton, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Pytts.

A letter from Mr. West, dated this day, signifying that by reason of his indisposition, he was not able to attend their lordships, pursuant to the notice given him, upon Sir Bibye Lake's petition relating to some lands near Kennebeck River in New England, referr'd to the Board by the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke's letter of the 23rd of April [*fo.* 198, 240], mentioned in the minutes of the 5th instant, was read; and Sir Bybye Lake attending, according to appointment, he was acquainted with the purport of Mr. West's forementioned letter, and that their lordships would take this matter into consideration on Wednesday morning next, when they desired he would be present, and directions were given for writing to Mr. West, to desire his attendance likewise at the same time, or that he will let their lordships have in writing what he has to say against the petitioner.

A letter from Colonel Blakiston, agent for Virginia, dated the 17th of March last, relating to the incouragement of some mine adventures in that colony, was read; whereupon their lordships taking again into consideration the memorial from the Earl of Orkney [*fo.* 154] upon the same subject, referr'd to the Board by order of the Lord High Treasurer, signify'd by Mr. Lowndes's letter of the 4th, and mention'd in the minutes of the 11th of March last, a letter to the Lord High Treasurer in answer to the said reference, was signed.

Their lordships, resuming the consideration of the Treaty of Commerce with Portugal [*fo.* 201, 207], made a further progress therein, and gave directions that Sir Samuel Clarke, Alderman John Ward, Mr. Milner, Mr. William Brooke, Mr. Thomas Dade and Mr. John Lordel be desired to attend the Board on Fryday morning next.

Mr. Jacqueau attending, the letter from Mr. Lowndes of the 8th [*fo.* 200], mentioned in the minutes of the 10th instant, upon his paper relating to the clandestine practices of foreign merchants, about the trade to Newfoundland, together with the said paper, were read; whereupon, after some discourse with Mr. Jacqueau [*fo.* 236], he was desired to give their lordships his thoughts in writing as soon as conveniently he can, upon the following queries, vizt. :

First. What methods did the French use in their fishery, and what defects have you observed therein?

2nd. What is the best method to manage and improve the Newfoundland trade?

3rd. What quantity of salt is necessary to cure 120 dry cod, also 120 mud cod?

A letter from Mr. Burchet, secretary to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 10th instant, for such heads of inquiry as this Board may have to give the comander of the convoy [*fo.* 207], now ready to proceed for Newfoundland, was read, and directions given for preparing several heads of enquiry as usual.

May 13. Present :—Lord Guilford, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

New England.

*Letter from Mr. West,
upon Sir Bibye
Lake's petition.*

*Sir Bibye acquainted
therewith.*

Letter to Mr. West.

Virginia.

*Letter from Colonel
Blakiston.
Mines.
Memorial from Earl
of Orkney.*

*Letter to Lord
High Treasurer.*

Trade.

*Portugal.
Treaty of Commerce.*

*Merchants
summond.*

Newfoundland.

*Fishery.
Mr. Jacqueau's paper.*

Queries.

*Letter from Mr.
Burchet.*

Heads of inquiry.

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Hudson's Bay.

Mountserratt.

*Letter from Mr.**Martin.**Comissaries.**France.*

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Hudson's Bay.

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Mountserratt.

*Letter to Lord**Viscount Bolingbroke.**Naples.**Fleetwood.**Letter to merchants.**Mr. Fleetwood's**return.*

Leeward Islands.

*Mr. Walker.**A debenture.*

Newfoundland.

*Heads of inquiry.**Letter to Mr. Burchet.*

Trade.

Portugal.

Treaty of Commerce.

Trade.

*Portugal merchants
about Treaty of Com-
merce.*

A letter from Mr. Martin [*fo.* 199, 245], secretary to her Majesty's comissaries appointed to treat with those of France, dated yesterday, signifying that the latter had declared they were not impower'd to treat about Hudson's Bay and the island of Mountserratt, but that the Envoy of France had signify'd that a general mention thereof was made in his instructions, and he should receive further and more particular orders from his Court whenever demanded, was read.

A letter to the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, in answer to his lordship's of the 13th [*fo.* 199] (mention'd in the minutes of the 14th) of the last month, upon a memorial from the Hudson's Bay Company, a petition in behalf of the inhabitants of Mountserratt, and an extract of a letter from Mr. Fleetwood, Consul at Naples, was sign'd.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Sir George Thorold, to the same purport as what was written to Mr. Hopegood, Mr. Porten and Mr. Frome the 7th instant [*fo.* 200], in relation to Mr. Fleetwood's return from Naples.

Mr. Thomas Walker attending, and producing to their lordships a letter of attorney from Joseph Hayton, executor of the last will of his father, John Hayton, planter, late one of the sufferers by the French invasion at Nevis, and Mr. Walker likewise producing a certificate from Joseph Hayton, brother of the deceased John Hayton, signifying his desire to withdraw his petition or claim formerly made for the losses sustain'd by his brother (which petition and certificate are annex'd to the copy of the foremention'd letter of attorney No. 381, with others of the like nature), the debenture number'd 423, in the name of the said John Hayton, was delivered to Mr. Walker.

Several heads of inquiry for the commander of the Newfoundland convoy, in answer to Mr. Burchet's letter of the tenth, read the 12th instant [*fo.* 205], being agreed by the Board, a letter was writ by the secretary inclosing to Mr. Burchet the said heads of inquiry.

Then their lordships made a further progress in considering the draught of a Treaty of Commerce with Portugal [*fo.* 203, 208].

May 14. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Pytts.

Sir Samuel Clark, Mr. Lordel, Mr. Milner and another Portugal merchant attending [*fo.* 207, 217], as they had been desired the 12th instant, their lordships communicated to them several articles of the draught of a Treaty of Commerce with Portugal, mention'd in yesterday's minutes.

Upon the second article, Mr. Milner said that they had no objection to that article, and that what the Portugal merchants desired was, that the whole treaty of 1654 might be confirm'd. Whereupon their lordships observing to them that several articles of that treaty were obsolete, being only adapted to the circumstances of the time that treaty was made, and therefore their lordships, in the forming the present draught, had only omitted

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the said obsolete articles. And being asked what was meant by the duty of consulado, mentioned in the said second article, they said that it was a duty of 3 *per cent.* paid upon the exportation from Portugal of sugar and tobacco imported from the Brazils, and upon some other goods particularly oyle, paid a duty of 10 *per cent.* and the 3 *per cent.* consulado, and though in reality the duties on some goods amounts to about 22 or 23 *per cent.*, yet what by abatements and otherwise the said duties were reduced very low, and the merchants made very easy therein.

The 4th and 7th articles being read to them, they said they had no objection thereto.

Their lordships read to them what they intended to insert instead of the 10th article, and particularly that part which stipulates that goods, which have once paid custom and duties in any of the ports of Portugal, may freely be transported to any other port in Portugal, without paying any further duty. Upon which they said that that provision was absolutely necessary, for that, if a ship arrive with goods at one of their lesser ports of entry, though she pay the duty of all her lading there, and should carry part of it to a superior port as Lisbon or Oporto, she must pay the duty over again for such part; but, if the ship arrive at a superior port, and carry part of her lading to an inferior, she pays the duty but in the superior.

They added that they beleived that the provision in the above mention'd article, if observed, would remedy that inconvenience. They further said that there was another, which though they did not think proper to have it inserted in the present draught, lest it shou'd cause any difficulty in the obtaining of this treaty, they desired, however, her Majesty's minister in Portugal may have instructions to endeavour to get it done by a separate article, and that was the abolition of the duty called sacca; that is, if a ship arrive with cargo to the value of 1,000*l.* and export from Portugal goods to the value of 2,000*l.* (and the same for a greater or less value), they are obliged to pay 10 *per cent.* for all that the export exceeds the import; and, as Mr. Methuen had obtain'd the abolition of the sacca at Lisbon and Oporto, they hoped it would not be difficult to obtain the same throughout that kingdom.

These gentlemen agreed to the 11th article, as also to their lordships' intention of omitting the 15th article; the first part whereof is obsolete, and the rest of it fully provided for by the second article of this project.

These gentlemen being withdrawn, ordered that the said draught be transcribed fair.

May 20. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Pytts.

A letter from the Lord Bolingbroke, of the 15th instant, desiring their lordships' dispatch of the instructions for the Lord Bingley [*fo.* 190], relating to comerce with Spain, was read; and a letter to the secretary of the South Sea Company, acquainting him with the purport of the said letter, and desiring him to know whether

Trade.
Letter from Lord
Bolingbroke.
Instructions for Lord
Bingley.
Spain.
Letter to secretary of
South Sea Company.

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*Mr. Gilligan.
Memorial about in-
structions.
Lord Bingley.*

the directors have anything to offer upon that matter, was immediately drawn up and sent.

Mr. Gilligan attending, a memorial containing some heads of instructions proposed by him for the Lord Bingley, was read; and being asked some questions thereupon, he said that he thought Mr. Russell, of Cadiz, and Mr. Brown, of Port St. Mary's, two fit persons to be her Majesty's commissaries, and that he only mentioned Sir Francis Arthur and Mr. Crean as persons proper to be consulted. He added that he thought Madrid a fitter place to treat in than Cadiz.

*Sir William Hodges
and Mr. Mead*

to consult merchants.

*Alcavalas and cientos.
Duty on cocheneal.*

Turkey trade.

Trade.

*Particular of customs
at Cadiz.*

N. 131, 132.

*Letter to Lord
Viscount Bolingbroke.*

Sir William Hodges and Mr. Mead attending, and being acquainted with the purport of my Lord Bolingbroke's foremention'd letter, and asked what they had to offer thereupon, they desired to be excused till they had consulted the rest of the Spanish merchants, which they said they wou'd do, and let their lordships have their thoughts in writing on Tuesday next; and in discourse they said that in the 9 or 10 *per cent.* duty formerly paid at Cadiz and Port St. Mary's, the alcavalas and cientos were always included; that cocheneal formerly paid but $\frac{1}{12}$ *per cent.* upon exportation, and that now it will pay 10, which they said was a great prejudice to our Turkey trade.

Then Sir William Hodges [fo. 216] presented to the Board a particular of customs, used to be paid in the Custom House of Cadiz on English goods.

After these gentlemen were withdrawn, a letter was writ to my Lord Bolingbroke, to acquaint him that the merchants could not be ready before Tuesday next.

May 24. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Pytts.

*Barbados.
Letter from Lord
Bolingbroke,
recalling gunners.
Mr. Heysham
thereupon.*

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of the 20th instant, referring to the Board a letter from the principal officers of the ordnance, relating to the expediency of recalling or leaving the gunners at Barbadoes, was read; and Mr. William Heysham, agent for that island, attending, and being asked several questions upon that matter, he said, that the fort which was begun in Sir Bevil Granville's time, not being above half finish'd, he did not think there was any necessity of keeping the gunners there, for that the matrosses, who formerly carry'd on the ordnance service there, and who were paid by the Assembly out of the duty on wines, might very well do it again, especially in time of peace; he also thought that there was no need of a storekeeper from the ordnance here, for that the Assembly used to appoint and pay one there.

Mr. Heysham being withdrawn, their lordships look'd back upon their minutes of the 24th and 27th of February, 1713, as also read their letter to my Lord High Treasurer of the 31st of March, 1713, relating to the establishments for Barbadoes, Jamaica &c., and immediately writ a letter to my Lord Bolingbroke in answer to his lordship's beforemention'd.

*Letter to Lord
Viscount Bolingbroke.*

Sir Charles Orbe, Colonel Long and others attending [fo. 230], complain'd to their lordships of an Act lately pass'd in Jamaica for the more effectual relief of the freeholders and inhabitants of

Kingston, and desiring that the same might be repealed, as injurious to their properties; and the secretary acquainting their lordships that the said Act was arrived this morning, their lordships order'd it to be sent immediately to Mr. Attorney General for his opinion in point of law.

A letter from Sir William Hodges [*fo.* 214, 218], of this day's date, signifying that the Spanish merchants could not be ready to meet (as they had been desired the 20th instant) till to-morrow night, and inclosing an account of the duties on wooll in Spain, was read, and an answer immediately return'd to Sir William, that their lordships desire to have their thoughts in writing upon the Spanish trade [*fo.* 218], on Thursday next at ten of the clock in the morning at furthest.

May 25. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Pytts.

Their lordships made a further progress in considering the draught of a Treaty of Commerce between Great Britain and Portugal [*fo.* 208, *v. infra*].

May 26. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Pytts.

Their lordships made a further progress in considering the draught of a Treaty of Commerce between Great Britain and Portugal [*v. supra*, *fo.* 220], and agreeing upon the draught of a letter to the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke thereupon, the same was order'd to be transcribed.

The Board being inform'd that the Spanish merchants design'd to attend their lordships to-morrow morning, upon the affair of commerce in relation to which instructions are to be prepared for the Lord Bingley [*fo.* 216, *v. infra*], a letter to the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke and another to Mr. Secretary Bromley, to acquaint them therewith, were sign'd.

May 27. Present:—Lord Guilford, Mr. Secretary Bromley, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Sir William Hodges, Mr. Dolliffe, Mr. Mead, Mr. Haines and several other Spanish merchants attending [*v. supra*], they presented to their lordships a memorial, pursuant to the minutes of the 20th instant, relating to the customs, valuation of goods, the commerce and conservators in Spain, as also to the commissaries and the place of meeting, which was read; and it not appearing to their lordships that the said memorial was so full and plain as necessary for the preparing instructions for the Lord Bingley, they were desired to reconsider the matter, and to let their lordships have it on Tuesday next in writing:

An explanation as to the duties upon goods exported from Spain [*fo.* 221].

An explanation of the millions.

The names of such persons as they think proper to be commissaries, and the place for their meeting.

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Letter to Mr.
Attorney General
thereupon.

Trade.
Letter from Sir
William Hodges.
Spanish merchants'
meeting.
Account of duties in
Spain.
Letter to Sir
William Hodges.
N. 132.
Entry I. 200.

Trade.
Portugal.
Treaty of Commerce.

Trade.
Portugal.
Treaty of Commerce.
Entry I. 202.
Letter to Lord
Bolingbroke.

Trade.
Spanish merchants.

Letter to Secretaries
of State.

Trade.
Spanish merchants.
Memorial.
Entry I. 203.

Merchants to recon-
sider the matter and
give further
explanations.

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*Conservators in
Spain.*

*Necessity of such an
officer.*

*Alcavalas and cientos
besides 10 per cent.*

*Memorial from
Mr. Roe.
St. Ander.
Trade N. 134.
Letter to Lord
Viscount Bolingbroke.
Portugal.
Treaty of Commerce.
Entry I. 206.*

And in discourse these gentlemen desired that my Lord Bingley might have instructions to endeavour that conservators may be appointed in Spain as formerly; for without it they could not pretend to trade there but with the utmost hazard both of their persons and estates, being for want of such an officer lyable to the several courts and jurisdictions of that kingdom, and even to the inquisition itself.

They added that the alcavalas and cientos were formerly included in the 9 or 10 *per cent.* duties they then paid, and that now our goods are to pay 10 *per cent.* besides the alcavalas and cientos (as by the present treaty of commerce), the duties will be double what they were before.

These gentlemen then presented to the Board a memorial sign'd by Mr. Roe, praying that a Custom House may be settled at St. Ander, which was read.

A letter to the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, inclosing the draught of a Treaty of Commerce between Great Britain and Portugal [fo. 217, 230, 371], and the additions and observations of this Board thereupon, mention'd in yesterday's minutes, was signed.

May 28. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

A reference from Mr. Secretary Bromley, of the 20th instant, upon a petition to her Majesty from the fishmongers of London [fo. 222, 231], complaining of mismanagements in the fishery, was read; whereupon order'd that Mr. Clement, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Tuckwell and Mr. Borrow be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with them on Wednesday morning next.

May 31. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

A letter from Sir William Hodges [fo. 219, 225], dated this day, relating to a further consultation among the Spanish merchants, before they attend the Board on Wednesday next with their opinion on the exports, millones, and fit persons for commissaries, to meet in Spain for settling some points of commerce between Great Britain and the kingdom &c., was read.

Then their lordships made a further progress in the consideration of the fishery of this kingdom, and a paper from Mr. Roop, relating to the curing of fish, was read.

June 1. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts.

Their lordships resumed the consideration of several papers relating to the fishery of this kingdom [fo. 220], and made a further progress therein.

June 2. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Pytts.

An Order of the House of Lords, of the 1st instant, transmitting the copy of a Bill for encouraging the tobacco trade [fo. 223], and requiring the Board's opinion of the tobacco trade, was read, and directions given for preparing an answer to the said order.

*Trade.
N. 135.*

*Reference.
Fishmongers.
Summon'd.*

Trade.

*Letter from Sir
William Hodges.
N. 136.
Spanish merchants'
consultation.*

*Fishery.
Paper from Mr. Roop.*

*Trade.
Fishery.*

*Virginia.
O. 159.
Trade.
Order of House of
Lords.
Bill about tobacco
trade.*

Then Mr. Richard Perry and Captain Hyde attending, they presented to their lordships a brief account of the present state of the tobacco trade [*fo.* 222, *v. infra*], and of the Bill sent up by the House of Commons to the House of Lords, relating thereto, which was read; and after some discourse with them upon this subject, these gentlemen promised to attend their lordships again to-morrow morning.

June 3. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Mr. Richard Perry and other Virginia merchants attending, their lordships took again into consideration the Bill (mention'd in yesterday's minutes), entituled *An Act for encouraging the tobacco trade* [*v. supra*, 224], and these gentlemen being asked if they had any objections to it, they said that they could have wish'd the clause for locking up the tobacco in warehouses had not been in it, however they wou'd not now object to it.

That by reason of the high duties, the difficulty in giving security, and for want of proper encouragements there had lain, for about 20 months last past, several ships in the river of Thames with between 6,000 and 7,000 hogsheads of tobacco on board, the proprietors or their agents not having been able to comply with the law as it now stands. After some further discourse with these gentlemen, their lordships order'd that an abstract of the said Bill be made, and laid before the Board to-morrow morning.

June 4. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Vernon.

The draught of a report to the House of Lords [*fo.* 223, 225], in answer to their lordships' order of the 1st, and mention'd in the minutes of the 2nd instant, relating to the tobacco trade, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Sir William Hodges, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Weyland, Mr. Roe, Mr. Nodin and other Spanish merchants attending [*fo.* 221, 226], they presented to their lordships a memorial, pursuant to the minutes of the 27th of the last month, relating to the duties on importation and exportation; to the millones, to commissarys for settling the book of rates, the place of their meeting, and to conservators, which was read; and their lordships agreed to meet to-morrow morning to consider further on those matters.

June 5. Present:—Lord Guilford, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

A report to the House of Lords, in answer to their lordships' order of the 1st instant [*fo.* 224], mention'd in yesterday's minutes, relating to the tobacco trade, was sign'd, and the Lord Guilford being desired to present the same to the House, his lordshipp went with it accordingly.

Then their lordships made a progress in the consideration of instructions to be given the Lord Bingley relating to commerce with Spain [*fo.* 225, *v. infra*].

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Mr. Perry and
Captain Hyde.
Brief account of
tobacco trade.
Virginia O. 160.

Virginia.
Trade.

Mr. Perry and
other merchants.
Act about tobacco
trade.

Abstract of the Bill.

Virginia.
Trade.
Tobacco.

Report to House of
Lords.

Trade.

Spanish merchants.
Memorial.
N. 140.

Spanish duties and
book of rates.

Trade.
Virginia.

Report to House of
Lords.

Tobacco trade.

Entry F. 34.

Trade.

Spain.

Instructions for
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June 8. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of the 5th instant, requiring the Board's immediate dispatch of what they have to offer in relation to the trade with Spain [*v. supra*, 227], to be given as instructions to the Lord Bingley, appointed ambassador to his Catholick Majesty, was read.

Then Mr. Mead attending the Board, he offer'd to their lordships his service to be imploy'd as one of the commissaries for settling a book of rates in Spain and other matters relating to commerce there, if her Majesty should think fit.

After which, their lordships agreed the draught of a letter, in answer to that abovemention'd from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke [*fo.* 226, 228], and ordered the same to be transcribed.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, dated this day, relating to the regulation of the limits of the Hudson's Bay Company, and other matters referr'd to commissaries by the 10th, 11th and 15th articles of the late Treaty of Peace with France, and requiring the Board to consider of the properest method for appointing commissaries and determining the points in dispute, which are to be regulated on the spot in America, was read ; and their lordships resolved to proceed in the consideration thereof to-morrow morning.

June 9. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

A letter to the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, agreed yesterday, in answer to his lordship's letters [*fo.* 227, 258] relating to instructions to be given the Lord Bingley, appointed ambassador to Spain, was sign'd.

An order of the lords of the committee for hearing appeals from the plantations, dated the 5th instant [*fo.* 309], pursuant to an Order of Council of the 21st of April last, upon a report from a committee of the whole Council, dated the 20th of March, upon a representation of this Board, dated the 15th of January, 1714³/₄, relating to several Acts of Pennsylvania, was read, together with copies of the said several papers ; and the said order of the committee for hearing appeals requiring the Board to examine and report by what grants or authorities, several of her Majesty's plantations do claim a power of making temporary laws, so as to be able to evade her Majesty's prerogative of repealing such laws, as may be thought unfit to be confirm'd ; their lordships gave directions for sending copies of the said several orders and other papers to Mr. Attorney General for his opinion thereupon [*fo.* 270, 308].

June 10. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Pytts.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of the 5th instant [*fo.* 220, 237], desiring to know the reasons which induced the Board

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*Letter from Lord**Bolingbroke.**Instructions for Lord**Bingley.***Trade.***Mr. Mead about*
commissaries in Spain.

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*Letter to Lord**Bolingbroke.***Trade.***Hudson's Bay.**Mountserrat.**Letter from Lord**Viscount Bolingbroke.**Matters referr'd to**commissaries &c.*

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*Lord Bingley's**instructions.**Letter to Lord**Bolingbroke.**Pennsylvania.**Plantations General.**Order of committee**for hearing appeals.**Temporary laws.**Letter to Mr.**Attorney General.***Trade.***Portugal.**Letter from Lord**Viscount Bolingbroke.*

to leave the 4th article of a former project of a Treaty of Commerce with Portugal, sent his lordship the 20th of November last, relating to wines, out of the draught of a Treaty of Commerce with that kingdom, transmitted to his lordship the 27th of May, was read; and directions given for preparing an answer thereto.

Sir Charles Orby, Colonel Long and others [fo. 216, 232], who solicit the repeal of an Act pass'd in Jamaica the 18th of February, 171³/₄, intituled *An Act for the more effectual relief of the freeholders and inhabitants of Kingston*, and Colonel Laws, Mr. Thurston and others, who desire the confirmation of the said Act, attending, Mr. Attorney General's report thereupon was read; and after some discourse with these gentlemen, their lordships were pleased to order a copy of Mr. Attorney's report to be given each party, and that they be heard by their council at this Board in relation to the said Act [fo. 242], at ten of the clock on Tuesday morning next.

June 11. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Mr. Clement and several Fishmongers attending [fo. 220, 232], the reference from Mr. Secretary Bromley upon the petition of the Fishmongers, mentioned in the minutes of the 28th of the last month, was read, as likewise a proposal from Mr. Clement relating to the fishery, and a remonstrance from several merchants in support of the Fishmongers' said petition; and in discourse at the Board, Mr. Clement and the Fishmongers declared their opinion that the drawback allow'd for the exportation of fish was an incouragement to the ill curing of it.

After which, their lordships desired Mr. Clement to give them an account of the several Acts of Parliament relating to the fishery, and of such directions therein as are not comply'd with.

Mr. Hill attending, in behalf of Sir Charles Orby [fo. 230], who solicits the repeal of an Act lately passd in Jamaica, relating to the town of Kingston, mention'd in yesterday's minutes, and desiring that the hearing appointed for Tuesday next upon the said Act may be put off to Tuesday, the 22nd instant; their lordships were pleased to consent to it, and gave directions that Mr. Thurston (agent to the Lord Archibald Hamilton); who appears in behalf of the said Act, have notice thereof.

June 14. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Their lordships made a further progress in considering several papers before them, relating to the fishery of this kingdom [fo. 231].

June 15. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Mr. Sleford attending, presented to their lordships his remarks upon Mr. Taverner's proposal concerning the fishery [fo. 127], which were read, and after some discourse with Mr. Sleford

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Treaty of Commerce.
Clause about wines.

Answer.

Jamaica.

Sir Charles Orby, &c.
Act about Kingston.

Colonel Laws,
Mr. Thurston.

Attorney General's
report.

Hearing appointed.

Trade.

Mr. Clement.
Fishmongers' petition.

Proposal from Mr.
Clement.

Remonstrance from
merchants.

Drawback prejudicial.

Account of Acts
about the fishery.

Jamaica.

Mr. Hill.

Sir Charles Orby.
Act about Kingston.

Hearing adjourn'd.

Trade.

Fishery.

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*Letter to Commissioners of Salt Office.
Drawbacks.*

Nova Scotia.

*Colonel Vetch to
attend.*

thereupon, directions were given for preparing a letter to the commissioners for the duties upon salt [*fo.* 241], to desire an account of the drawbacks upon salt, for seven years last past.

The Board being acquainted that Colonel Vetch, late Lieutenant Governor of Annapolis Royal in Nova Scotia, is arrived from those parts, and had been to wait on their lordships, ordered that he have notice of their lordships' desire to speak with him on Thursday morning next.

June 16. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Jamaica.
*Letters from Lord
Archibald Hamilton.*

Several letters from the Lord Archibald Hamilton, Governor of Jamaica, to the Board, were taken into consideration, and those from his lordship of the 11th of July, 3rd of August and 27th October, 1713 [*fo.* 93, 239] (mention'd in the minutes of the 19th of January last), were again read, and directions given for preparing an answer thereto.

Answer.

*Another letter from
his lordship.*

Then the letter from the Lord Archibald Hamilton, of the 26th of December, 1713, was read, and the papers therein referr'd to laid before the Board, vizt. :

An account of some of the many grievances of Jamaica &c.

A list of Bills past in the Assembly of Jamaica in December, 1713.

Abstract of the journal of the Council and minutes of the Assembly of Jamaica, from the 26th of November, 1713, to the 23rd December following, both inclusive.

A letter from the Lord Archibald Hamilton, of the 22nd of March, 171 $\frac{3}{4}$, was likewise read, and the several papers and Acts therein referr'd to laid before the Board, vizt. :

Naval officers' list of ships entred and cleared, from 25th of March, 1712, to 29th of September, 1713.

A list of the militia in Jamaica the 1st of January, 171 $\frac{3}{4}$.

Minutes of Council, from the 26th of November, 1713, to 20th February, 171 $\frac{3}{4}$.

Minutes of Assembly, from the 26th of November, 1713, to the 20th of February, 171 $\frac{3}{4}$.

Acts pass'd in December, 1713, and February, 171 $\frac{3}{4}$.

An Act for regulating the ministers of Jamaica, 171 $\frac{3}{4}$.

Copy of an Act for applying a sum not exceeding 1,200*l.* current mony of Jamaica, to make good 900*l.* sterling, for the soliciting the passing of laws and other publick affairs of this island in Great Britain for three years, pass'd the 15th December, 1713.

*His lordship's letters
to be reconsider'd.*

Whereupon their lordships resolved to take the Lord Archibald Hamilton's two last mention'd letters into further consideration to-morrow morning.

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*Mr. Sleford.
Amendment to his
proposal.
Fishery.*

Mr. Sleford attending, presented to their lordships an amendment he desired might be made to his proposal relating to the fishery [*fo.* 197], mentioned in the minutes of the 4th of May last.

Newfoundland.

*Mr. Jacqueau.
Memorial about the
fishery, and his
pension.*

Mr. Jacqueau likewise attending [*fo.* 204], presented to the Board a memorial relating to the fishery of Newfoundland, together with

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a petition praying that the pension formerly allow'd him for his publick services may be continu'd, and their lordships resolved to take the same into consideration with the other papers now before the Board relating to the fishery.

June 17. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Pytts.

A letter to the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, in answer to his lordship's of the 5th instant, desiring the Board's reasons for omitting the 4th article in the draught of a Treaty of Commerce with Portugal [*fo.* 229, 239], transmitted to his lordship the 20th of November last in the draught laid before his lordship the 7th of May, was signed.

Colonel Vetch attending, as he had been desired, and being asked several questions in relation to Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, he said that as to Nova Scotia, there were no English settlements but at Annapolis; and in relation to Cape Briton, that coast is 40 or 50 leagues in length, where a good settlement may be made; that the French are fortifying three places there; and that the best fishing in America is at Cape Britton, he himself having seen 60 or 70 boats fishing there at a time. Whereupon, Colonel Vetch was desired to put what he had to offer upon these subjects into writing, which he promised to do accordingly.

June 18. Present:—Lord Guilford, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Pytts.

A letter from Mr. John Perry, dated the 3rd instant, relating to the damages done by the French to the Hudson's Bay Company in time of peace [*fo.* 241], was read; and thereupon ordered that Mr. Perry have notice to attend the Board on Monday morning next.

Their lordships, taking into consideration the petition of Sir Bibye Lake [*fo.* 198], relating to some lands near Kennebeck River in New England (mention'd in the minutes of 5th last month), ordered that Sir Bibye Lake have notice to attend the Board on Monday morning next, with what proofs he may have to offer of the allegations in his said petition.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of the 13th instant [*fo.* 237], with the copy of a report from Sir Nathanael Lloyd, upon a dispute now subsisting between her Majesty's consul at Lisbon and the factory, concerning the consulage between the date of Mr. Shippen's commission and the King of Portugal's confirmation of him, and desiring to know of this Board, what has been the usage in like cases, was read. Whereupon ordered that Sir Samuel Clark, Mr. Milner, Mr. Peter Burren and Mr. Lordel [*fo.* 244] be desired to attend the Board on Wednesday morning next.

The draught of a letter to the Lord Archibald Hamilton, Governor of Jamaica [*fo.* 234, 241], was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

June 21. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

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Portugal.

Letter to Lord

Viscount Bolingbroke.
4th article of Treaty
of Commerce.

Nova Scotia.

Colonel Vetch.

Cape Breton.

Hudson's Bay.

Letter from Mr.

Perry.

Damages from the
French.

New England.

Sir Bibye Lake
to prove allegations
of his petition.

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Letter from Lord

Bolingbroke.

Report from Sir

Nathanael Lloyd.
Consulage at Lisbon.

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mon'd.

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*Letter from Earl of
Orkney.
Mr. Archbould to be
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New England.

*Letter from Mr. West.
Caveat against Sir
Bibye Lake's petition.*

*Letter to Mr.
Attorney General.*

Hudson's Bay.

Letter from Mr. Perry.

*Members of the
Hudson's Bay Com-
pany to attend.*

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*Letter to the
Governor.*

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*Letter from Mr.
Holdip.
Salt.*

Drawback on fish.

*Letter from Mr.
Loggan.
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*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Bromley.*

Jamaica.

*Mrs. Stringer.
Act about Kingston.*

Jamaica.

*Representation.
Mr. Archbould
of the Council.*

Trade.

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Bromley.
Mr. Loggan.
Flanders.*

A letter from the Earl of Orkney, dated this day, recommending Mr. Archbould to be of the Council of Jamaica, was read; and directions given for preparing a representation to her Majesty [fo. 243], proposing the said Archbould's being appointed of her Majesty's said Council accordingly.

A letter from Mr. West, dated the 19th of the last month [fo. 202], desiring to withdraw his caveat against Sir Bibye Lake's petition relating to some lands near Kennebeck River in New England, was read; and Sir Bibye Lake attending according to appointment, his foresaid petition, mention'd in the minutes of the 5th of May, was again read; and thereupon ordered that a copy of his petition, together with the charter of the Massachusetts Bay, be sent to Mr. Attorney General for his opinion in point of law.

A letter from Mr. Pery, of this day, signifying that by reason of his indisposition he could not attend their lordships according to appointment, with relation to the Hudson's Bay Company [fo. 238, 281], was read; whereupon ordered that Mr. Potter, secretary to the Hudson's Bay Company, be acquainted with their lordships' desire of speaking with Mr. Perry, or any other members of the said Company, on this day sevenight.

A letter to the Lord Archibald Hamilton, Governor of Jamaica [fo. 239], agreed at the last meeting, was sign'd.

A letter from Mr. Holdip, secretary to the Commissioners for the duties upon salt, dated the 18th instant [fo. 233, 332], with an account of the drawbacks on fish exported for seven years last past, was read.

A letter from Mr. Loggan, her Majesty's consul in Flanders, dated the 9th of June, 1714, new style, relating to his proceedings for the liberty of the British subjects in opposition to the brokers at Bruges, and about some affidavits to be dispatch'd by the town clerk of London; as likewise relating to Flemmings trading under colour of English &c., was read. Whereupon ordered that the draught of a letter be prepared, wherewith to transmit to Mr. Secretary Bromley [fo. 243], a copy of that above-mention'd from Mr. Loggan, with the opinion of this Board, that it will be of service the said affidavits be dispatch'd as soon as possible.

Mrs. Martha Stringer having desired to be heard by her council in relation to the Act lately pass'd in Jamaica, *for the more effectual relief of the freeholders and inhabitants of Kingston*, ordered that she be heard by her council accordingly to-morrow morning [fo. 230, 243] when Sir Charles Orby and others are likewise appointed to be heard upon the same subject.

June 22. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Pytts.

A representation proposing James Archbould, esquire, to be a member of her Majesty's Council of Jamaica [fo. 240] in the room of Henry Lowe, esquire, deceased, agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

A letter to Mr. Secretary Bromley, wherein to inclose a copy of a letter from Mr. Loggan, her Majesty's consul in Flanders, of the 9th instant [fo. 242], new style, mentioned in yesterday's

minutes, and relating to some affidavits to be transmitted to Mr. Loggan, was sign'd.

A letter from Sir Peter King, who is retained as council for the inhabitants of Kingston against Sir Charles Orby [fo. 242, 248], in the hearing appointed to be had this day at the Board upon the *Act* lately pass'd in Jamaica for the more effectual relief of the freeholders and inhabitants of Kingston, signifying that he cannot possibly attend this day, and that if their lordships think fit to put off the said hearing till Thursday morning, he will take care not to be then wanting, was read; and Sir Charles Orby and several others attending, with their council, according to appointment, they were acquainted with their lordships' intention to hear peremptorily at 8 of the clock on Thursday morning next, what may be then offer'd for or against the confirmation of the said *Act*.

Mr. Milner attending, and acquainting their lordships [fo. 239] that, not being able to wait upon the Board to-morrow, as he had been desired the 18th instant, he was now come to answer anything their lordships had to ask him; the letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of the 13th instant, relating to a dispute between the British consul and factory at Lisbon, was communicated to him; whereupon he said that there never had been such a case before, his brother being the only consul that dyed there; that Mr. Shippen, the present consul, was a prisoner in the Fleet or Queen's Bench, and ran away from thence to Lisbon; that he has no manner of pretence to demand consulage for the intermediate time between the date of his commission and the King of Portugal's confirmation of him; for that by the Queen's commission he has no title to levy money upon her subjects; and that it is only the King of Portugal's inregistering of it in the Chancery there, makes it as a law in Portugal; so that, till the commission become such by virtue of being so inregistred, he has no right to any consulage at all. And Mr. Milner [fo. 269] promised to give their lordships a more full account of this matter in writing.

June 23. Present:—Lord Guilford, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts.

A letter from her Majesty's commissaries [fo. 205], appointed to treat with those of France, in relation to commerce, dated the 14th, together with a copy of their report to her Majesty of the 9th of this month, giving account of their whole negotiation to that time, were read; as also the following papers referr'd to therein, vizt.:

List of papers sent along with the report to her Majesty, the 9th June, 1714.

Extract of a letter from Mr. Prior to Lord Bolingbroke, dated from Paris, the $\frac{13}{2}$ April, 1714.

Copy of the first proposition, as it was stated anew on the 28th April, 1714, and agreed to by the French commissaries.

Extract of instructions sent to the French commissaries about the four excepted species.

Copy of the third proposition, as it was stated anew in the conference of 28th April, 1714.

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*Letter from Sir
Peter King.*

Act about Kingston.

Hearing adjourn'd.

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*Mr. Milner about
consulage at Lisbon.*

*Mr. Milner to give
account in writing.*

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commissaries.
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Copy of a declaration from the French commissaries for explaining the terms, *goods and merchandizes of Great Britain*.

Form of a declaration drawn up at the Board for the French commissaries to sign, about the repeal of the decree of 6th September, 1701.

Another form sent back signed by the French commissaries, about the decree of 6th September, 1701.

June 24. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

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Letter from Lord Bolingbroke.
Letter from Spain.
Trade to Yvica.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of yesterday's date, referring to the Board two letters from Don Manuel de Vadillo, Secretary of State in Spain [*fo.* 256, 303], to her Majesty's secretary there, forbidding the English from trading to Yvica, and requiring an English clergyman in the Canaries to come away from thence, was read; whereupon ordered that the Spanish merchants be ordered to attend the Board to-morrow.

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Act about Kingston.
Hearing.

Sir Charles Orby and Colonel Long &c., with Mr. Solicitor General and Mr. Lutwich, their council, and Mrs. Martha Stringer, with Mr. Allington, her council, attending against an Act past at Jamaica in February last, *for the more effectual relief of the freeholders and inhabitants of Kingston* [*fo.* 243, 263]; and Colonel Laws and Mr. Thurston attending with Mr. Serjeant Prat, and Sir Peter King, their council, in behalf of the Act, the same was read, as also Mr. Attorney General's report thereupon, mention'd in the minutes of the 10th instant.

Mr. Solicitor General then said that he did not doubt but the Act would appear to their lordships to be unjust in all its particulars; that the allegations therein were false, and the enacting part destroying of property; that Sir William Beeston, when he dyed, devised his estate to his lady, now the lady of Sir Charles Orby; that some part of the said estate had been disposed of; that he had an undoubted title to the said estate, having purchased it; that the allegation in the Act, that Sir William had made a promise or engagement not to dispose of the lands between the sea and Harbour Street in the town of Kingston could not be proved, and therefore he concluded it was not true; that if Sir William had had no title to those lands on which Kingston is built, the persons aggrieved by the building the houses mention'd in the Act might have been releiv'd by equity, without having this extraordinary recourse to the legislature; that the Bill itself does appear very partial by a saving therein to the houses of Peter Beckford, Speaker of the Assembly when the said Bill was passd, and of Mr. Nazereau.

Mr. Lutwich said that the Act was a manifest invasion of private property, for that William Barry had a grant in 1665 of 530 acres of lands, which he sold to Sir William Beeston; that Sir William sold 200 acres, part thereof, for the building the said town of Kingston, for 1,000*l.*, but he never made any agreement not to sell the lands between the sea and Harbour Street aforementioned. The proclamation mention'd in the Bill, whereby it is pretended Sir

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William disclaimed any such intention, ought not to be regarded, unless the other side produced an original, for as it stands in the Bill it is only an allegation, which wants to be proved. Sir William Beeston being Governor at the time this pretended proclamation was made, it would appear upon the Council books, proclamations being always issued by advice of the Council. That the new buildings, directed by the Act to be pull'd down, are no injury to the town, for they only affect Harbour Street by hindring the houses, opposite to which they are, of the prospect of the sea.

That these houses are no prejudice to the trade of that town, for that there are passages sufficient left for the convenience of carrying goods to or from the sea; that, as he had been inform'd, there was a law of Jamaica whereby five years' possessions of houses or lands was a bar against all claims (but the said law was not produced), and the owners of the said houses have been in possession above ten years. They then read some affidavits, setting forth that the houses were built in 1703 or 1704, and repaired after the hurricane in 1712, without any molestation, and that in the opinion of the deponents they were of no prejudice, but an advantage, to the town of Kingston; and they produced Doctor Page, who said the same thing; wherefore he hoped their lordships would represent the said Act to be repealed.

Mr. Allington, in behalf of Mrs. Stringer, said that her husband had contracted about five years ago with Mr. Totterdale, then agent for Sir Charles Orby, for two lotts between Harbour Street and the sea, and had laid out 1,200*l.* and upwards in building thereon; that if her houses, which is all she and her children have to live upon, be pulled down, they will be reduced to the utmost misery and want; wherefore he hoped their lordships would consider her case with what the other council had said, and represent the Act so to her Majesty that it may be repealed. Mr. Serjeant Pratt then said that the allegation[s] in the Act were true; that there was an agreement with Sir William Beeston that he should not dispose of the lands between Harbour Street and the sea, as appear'd plainly by the proclamation mentioned in the Act; that when the 200 acres of land were sold for building the town, a plan was made of the said town, and the shoal water-land was laid out for publick use; that it was therefore in the nature of a highway, and must remain so, and not be appropriated to any private use. Land that is private property, when it comes to be laid out by plan, and by agreement for the publick, is the property of the publick, and cannot be alter'd; that the reason why the houses were permitted to be built was that, after the fire at Port Royal, an Act was pass'd in 1703, *to invest her Majesty in land in Kingston for the reception of the sufferers by the late dreadfull fire at Port Royal, declaring Kingston to be the chief seat of trade, and head port of entry, and fortifying West Chester*; upon which several people took up lotts and built, supposing that the said Act would have been confirm'd, and therefore they were suffer'd to go on; that in case the Act had been confirm'd, the building of houses upon those lotts would not have been a prejudice to the town of Kingston in general, because by the Act Kingston was declared the chief seat of trade,

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and head port of entry. As to the objection made against the reservation in favour of Peter Beckford and Nazereau, he said that they two had built only against their own houses in Harbour Street, and so incomodated none of the other inhabitants; that by building before other people's houses, they take from them the use of the shoal water.

Sir Peter King said that all parties had been heard for and against the Bill by their council, as appeared by the minutes of the Council of Jamaica of the 17th of February last; that Sir William Beeston did, by his attorney, Colonel Laws, agree to the sale of 200 acres for 1,000*l.*, as also to the plan of the town, as laid out by a sworn surveyor; but, when he came over Lieutenant Governor of that island, he found it would be more for his advantage to sell the said land by lotts, and that he sold to the value of about 2,000*l.*; but as Sir William took notice that there was an Act of that island, 1683 or 1684 (*Book of Laws*, first volume, fol. 128), for vacating several irregular grants, surreptitiously obtain'd for royal mines, shoal water &c., which might effect him, he being then Governor, made a grant to his secretary, Mr. Bowyer, of the shoal water, and took from the said Bowyer a reconveyance of the same, and has no other title to it. How reasonable it will appear that a Governor should make grants on this manner to themselves, he submitted to their lordships. This making a great noise in the island, Sir William thought fit to publish the proclamation mention'd in the Act; but, in answer to what Mr. Lutwich had said, Sir Peter took notice that this was no proclamation, and therefore not to be found on the Council books. It was only a private declaration of Sir William Beeston (not as Governor), assuring the inhabitants that he never intended to sell the land on the front of Kingston between Harbour Street and the sea side; and therefore, after such a publick declaration of Sir William Beeston's, upon which the inhabitants were encouraged to settle there, which was a kind of grant of the shoal water, if he had any right to it, Sir William Beeston could not alienate the same. As to the five years' possession Act, mention'd by Mr. Lutwich, he said he knew of none such. In relation to the houses of Mr. Beckford and of Mr. Nazerreau, what he said was to the same purpose as what had been offer'd by Mr. Serjeant Pratt; then he call'd upon Colonel Laws, who acquainted their lordships that he was one of the attorneys of Sir William Beeston; that he agreed with the Council of that island for the above-mention'd 200 acres, to be laid out in lotts for the building of the town; that it was laid out accordingly by the President and Council, of which he was then a member; that the plan was made and approved by Sir William Beeston; that there was an Order of Council that no houses should be built within 300 foot of Harbour Street, which is the distance between that street and the sea at low water, and that he had seen the above-mention'd declaration of Sir William Beeston's in his own handwriting, posted up in several parts of the town.

After these gentlemen were withdrawn, the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke came to the Board, and acquainted their lordships that their letter of the 9th instant, relating to instructions for

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the Lord Bingley [*fo.* 228, 269], had been laid before her Majesty ; that thereupon the lords of the Council would have a conference in a few days with the Board, and therefore desired that in the meantime their lordships would reconsider their own minutes, and see what the merchants had said in relation to the conservadores ; that they would consider and compare what the merchants had desired in their two last memorials with what stands in the treaty, and see how far the treaty is affected by it ; that they would likewise consider the duties formerly paid with those now to be paid by the treaty upon exportation.

June 25. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Pytts.

Mr. Mead attending, their lordships communicated to him the copies of the letters from Don Manuel de Vadillo, Secretary of State at Madrid, to her Majesty's secretary there, forbidding all commerce of her Majesty's subjects to the island of Yvica, and requiring an English clergyman in the Canaries to retire from those islands (mention'd in yesterday's minutes), whereupon he said that Yvica was dependant on Majorca, and Majorca on Barcelona, so that Yvica was not properly under the government of Spain ; that he supposed the reason for our being prohibited fetching salt, or having any other commerce with that island, was to oblige us to fetch our salt at Cadiz, where it is not so cheap as at Yvica, and to hinder our selling any goods there, which might from thence be carried to Barcelona. However that be, he said that prohibition, if it took place, would be very detrimental to us ; for that we load there every year great quantities of salt for Newfoundland.

As to what relates to the clergyman in the Canaries, he said that it was certain the Spaniards would never allow of it ; and therefore he thought it would be most prudent that the said clergyman do come away as soon as possible, lest the inquisition should take cognizance of his being there.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of the 24th June, 1714, with some remarks made by the English factory at Cadiz [*fo.* 228, 259, *v. infra*], on the treaties with the King of Spain, was read.

June 26. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

An Order from the House of Lords, of yesterday's date, requiring this Board to lay before their lordships an account of what steps and proceedings they have made in relation to the 3rd, 5th and 8th articles of the Treaty of Commerce with Spain [*v. supra*, *fo.* 260], and the explanation of the said treaty, was read ; and the Lord Guilford thereupon acquainted the Board that, after the said order had been made, it was moved and ordered by the House that the Board should lay before their lordships an account of all their proceedings in relation to the said treaty. Whereupon ordered that the minutes of this Board relating thereunto, from the 12th of August, 1713, to the 14th of October following, with all the papers therein referr'd to, be copy'd, to be laid before their lordships on Tuesday next.

Trade.
Spain.
Mr. Mead.

Yvica.
Clergyman at the
Canaries.

Trade.
Letter from Lord
Bolingbroke.
Remarks from Cadiz
on the Treaty of Com-
merce.

Trade.
Order of House of
Lords.
Spanish
Treaty of Commerce.

Minutes and papers
to be copy'd.

1714.

June 29. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Pytts.

Trade.
Spain.
*Remarks on Treaty
of Commerce.*

The secretary acquainted the Board that Mr. Prevereau, of the Lord Bolingbroke's office, had in his lordship's name desired back the remarks made by the English factory at Cadiz on the treaties with the King of Spain [*fo.* 258, 261], referr'd to the Board by his lordship's letter of the 24th instant, mention'd in the minutes of Fryday last, and that he had accordingly delivered to Mr. Prevereau the said remarks; but, upon enquiry for them this morning, Mr. Prevereau said they were lent to Mr. Gillingham.

Leeward Islands.
*Letter from Colonel
Douglas.
Papers.*

A letter from Colonel Douglass, dated yesterday, relating to several papers brought by him from the Leeward Islands to this office, was read; and thereupon ordered that he be acquainted that the said papers shall be taken into consideration as soon as the Board have leisure.

Trade.
Spain.
*Report to House of
Lords.*

A report in answer to the Order of the House of Lords in relation to the Treaty of Commerce with Spain [*fo.* 258], mention'd in yesterday's minutes, was sign'd, which, together with the copies of several papers relating thereto, and a list of them, were delivered to the Lord Guilford, who was desired to lay the same before the House, pursuant to their lordships' said order.

June 30. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Trade.
Spain.
*Letter from Lord
Bolingbroke.
Remarks on Treaty
of Commerce.*

Their lordships took again into consideration the letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of the 24th, mention'd in the minutes of the 25th instant, together with the remarks made by the English factory at Cadiz, on the treaties with the King of Spain [*fo.* 259, 262], thereby referr'd to this Board; whereupon the Lord Guilford, at the desire of the rest of the Commissioners present, went and acquainted the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke that their lordships had no other observations to make on the said remarks than what are contained in their letter to his lordship of the 9th instant.

*Answer to Lord
Bolingbroke.*

July 1. Present :—Lord Guilford, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Trade.
Spain.
*Order of House of
Lords.*

An Order of the House of Lords, dated yesterday, requiring the Board to lay before that House copies of all representations or applications made by the Spanish merchants since the 14th of October last, in relation to the trade with Spain [*fo.* 261], was read; and copies of the said papers being accordingly prepared, with a list thereof, they were delivered to the Lord Guilford, and his lordship was desired to lay them before the House pursuant to the said order.

*Copies of papers and
list delivered to Lord
Guilford.*

*Another Order for
Commissioners and
secretary to attend.*

Another Order of the House of Lords, dated yesterday, requiring some of the Commissioners of Trade and Plantations, with their secretary, to attend that House to-morrow at 12 a clock, was read.

July 13. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Pytts.

A representation, proposing the repeal of an Act pass'd in Jamaica the 18th February last [fo. 248, 270], entituled *An Act for the more effectual relief of the freeholders and inhabitants of Kingston*, mention'd in the minutes of 24th June, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Ordered that the secretary go out and acquaint Mr. Wheelock [fo. 342] that their lordships have discharg'd him from any further service in this office.

My Lord Guilford communicated to the Board a letter from the Earl of Orkney, recommending Dr. Richard Tabor [fo. 276], minister of St. Cathrine's, to be of the Council of Jamaica in the room of Colonel Oldfeild, who is lately come from that island, and do[e]s not intend to return, which being read, their lordships agreed to consider that matter at a convenient opportunity.

July 14. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Vernon.

Mr. John Mills attending, and the powers of attorney from several of the sufferers at Nevis to the said Mr. Mills being examined at the Board, the six debentures number'd 471, 511, 517, 518, 565, 585, were delivered to him.

July 15. Present :—Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts.

The secretary laid before the Board several letters and papers which he had received from Colonel Douglas, late Governor of the Leeward Islands, the list whereof follows, which was read :

Letter from Major Douglas, dated 13th April, 1714, with minutes of Council and several publick papers from the Leeward Islands.

Account currant of the publick stores belonging to the publick of Antigua, and what remaind there the 8th January, 171 $\frac{3}{4}$.

Naval officer's list of ships enter'd and clear'd, from 1st May to the 1st of August, 1713.

Minutes of Council, from 12th February, 171 $\frac{2}{3}$, to 23rd October following.

Minutes of the Council of Nevis, from the 26th of June, 1712, to the 26th of October, 1713.

An Act for the better suppressing the insolencies of negroes and other slaves, and to prevent their running away with boats, cannoes or barkloggs.

An Act to enable the Treasurer of this island for the time being to demand and receive the debts contracted by Azar Pinney, esquire, late Treasurer of the same.

Extract of the journals of several of the Councils and Assemblies of the Leeward Islands relating to the peace, General Douglas's returning to England, &c.

Another letter from General Douglas, dated the 20th of May, 1714, with several papers relating to Captain Marshal's being made Lieutenant Governor of Mountserrat in the room of Captain Pearn, and other affairs of the Leeward Islands.

1714.

Jamaica.
*Representation
repealing an Act.*

Miscellanies.
*Mr. Wheelock dis-
charg'd.*

Jamaica.
*Letter from Earl
of Orkney recom-
mending a councillor.*

Nevis.
*Mr. Mills.
Debentures deliver'd.*

Leeward Islands.
*Letters and papers
received from
Colonel Douglas.*

1714.

Mountserratt address to her Majesty upon the late happy peace.

Copy of an address from St. Christopher's relating to the improvements on the late French part of that island.

Address from Mountserratt to General Douglas in favour of Captain Pinkethman, commander of *Hunter* galley.

Petition of the Council and Assembly of Mountserratt to her Majesty in favour of Captain Marshal, appointed Lieutenant Governor of that island by General Douglas in the room of Captain Pearn.

Depositions of John Marshal, George Liddel and David Ogilvy, esquires, concerning Mr. Pearn.

Copy of a letter from General Douglas to Captain Pearn, Lieutenant Governor of Mountserratt, upon his desire to come for England.

Depositions concerning Mr. Pearn's receiving General Douglas's answer to his letter of 12th April, 1712.

Lieutenant Governor Pearne's letter to General Douglas, dated Mountserratt the 12th April, 1712.

Petition of the President, Council and Assembly of Mountserratt to General Douglas in favour of Captain Marshal, who has been a sufferer at that island.

Address from the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly of Mountserratt to General Douglas.

A third letter from Mr. Douglas, late Governor of the Leeward Islands, to the secretary, dated the 28th June, 1714, relating to several papers sent to the Board.

An address from Mountserratt to Mr. Douglas, relating to their sending solicitors to England.

Letter from Colonel Douglas, dated the 28th June, 1714, relating to several papers brought by him from the Leeward Islands, with a list of the said papers, read the 29th of June, 1714, was again read.

A memorial from the Turkey Company, relating to the duties upon the exportation of cochineal, indigo and other products of America from Spain, was read, and ordered that a copy thereof be made, to be transmitted to the Lord Bolingbroke.

The draught of a letter to the Lord Bolingbroke upon what his lordship had said to the Board the 24th June last [*fo.* 255, 272], relating to the Treaty of Commerce with Spain and instructions to the Lord Bingley, was read, and a progress made therein.

July 16. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts.

A letter from Mr. Milner, of the 30th June, 1714, pursuant to his promise to the Board [*fo.* 245], mention'd in the minutes of the 22nd June last, with a memorial from several Portugal merchants, relating to the payment of consulage at Lisbon, were read; whereupon a letter to the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, inclosing the same, was drawn up and sign'd.

Trade.

Memorial from the Turkey Company about duties on American products from Spain to be sent Lord Bolingbroke.

Letter to Lord Bolingbroke about instructions to Lord Bingley &c.

Trade.

Letter from Mr. Milner with memorial from merchants about consulage at Lisbon. Letter to Lord Bolingbroke.

A letter to Mr. Attorney General [fo. 229], reminding him of the secretary's letter of the 10th of June last, relating to the plantations' enacting of temporary laws, and desiring his immediate report thereupon, was sign'd.

Representation proposing the repeal of an Act pass'd in Jamaica the 18th February last [fo. 263], entituled *An Act for the more effectual relief of the freeholders and inhabitants of Kingston*, was sign'd.

July 20. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

The secretary laid before their lordships the account of incidental charges in the service of this Board, from Christmas, 1713, to Midsummer, 1714 [fo. 285], which are as follows, vizt. :

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Account of petty expences, from Christmas, 1713,			
to Lady Day, 1714, amounting to	44	5	6
The same, from Lady Day, 1714, to Midsummer			
following, amounting to	57	15	6
The stationer's account, from Christmas, 1713, to			
Lady Day, 1714, amounting to	45	14	3
The same, from Lady Day, 1714, to Midsummer			
following, amounting to	26	6	6
The post office account, from Christmas, 1713, to			
Lady Day, 1714, amounting to	9	16	10
The same, from Lady Day, 1714, to Midsummer			
following, amounting to	16	15	9
Mr. Clark's account of wood and coals	33	10	9
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	£234	5	1

Whereupon a letter to the Lord High Treasurer, praying payment thereof, as likewise of the salaries due to this office, was sign'd.

July 22. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Vernon.

Their lordships again consider'd the draught of a letter to the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, upon what his lordship had said to the Board the 24th June last, relating to the Treaty of Commerce with Spain, and instructions to the Lord Bingley [fo. 269], mention'd also in the minutes of the 15th instant; and thereupon ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Carkess [fo. 274], desiring him to move the Commissioners of her Majesty's Customs, that their lordships may have an account of the species and value of goods, exported to and imported from Spain for three years in time of peace, and for the time since the cessation of arms; and further ordered that another letter be writ to Sir William Hodges [fo. 274, 277], desiring him to consult with the other Spanish merchants, and let their lordships have their answers in writing to the following queries, on Tuesday or Wednesday next, vizt. :

1714.

Plantations General.
Proprieties.

Letter to Mr.
Attorney General
for his report on
temporary laws.

Jamaica.

Acts to be repeal'd.

Miscellanies.

Incidents.

Letter to Lord
Treasurer.

Trade.

Letter to Lord
Bolingbroke about
Spanish Treaty of
Commerce and in-
structions for Lord
Bingley.

Letter to Mr.
Carkesse for exports
and imports
to and from Spain.

Another to Sir
William Hodges
with Spanish queries.

1714.

1. If the alcavalos and cientos should be included in the 10 *per cent.*, wou'd there then be any occasion for the 5th article, either of the treaty at Utrecht or of the ratification?
2. What has been the practice of late years, in the securing, adjusting and paying the duties of millones?
3. Whether they wou'd have judge conservators in all the ports of Spain, or in which of them?
4. What is now paid upon the exportation out of Spain for the goods and products of Spain, except the Spanish wooll, and how much *per cent.* the same amounts to, upon a medium of their value?
5. What is the duty now paid upon Spanish wooll brought from Spain? How much *per cent.* does it amount to by a medium of the value, and in what manner the duties payable upon wooll in Castile and Biscay may be so adjusted and settled, as to pay but one duty of 10 *per cent.*?

Trade.

Letter to Lord Bolingbroke about instructions for Lord Bingley and inclosing Spanish queries.

A letter to the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, acquainting his lordship that they find it necessary to have the answer of the Spanish merchants to the foregoing queries [fo. 272, 277], which they have desired by Tuesday or Wednesday next, before they can proceed upon the instructions for my Lord Bingley, and inclosing a copy of the said queries, was signed.

July 23. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Vernon.

Trade.

Custom House officer about explanation of the letter writ Mr. Carkess.

The secretary acquainting the Board that a gentleman from the Custom House had been with him to desire an explanation to the letter writ Mr. Carkesse yesterday [fo. 272, 278], order'd that it be explain'd to him as follows:—

That their lordships desire that the account of the species and value of goods exported to and imported from Spain for three years in time of peace may include the time from the peace of Reiskwick to the declaration of the succeeding war.

That the account for each year be separate, and that in the meanwhile their lordships may have as soon as possible the totals of the values of the exports and imports of those years.

That the other account do commence from the 22nd August, 1712, and be carry'd on as far as the books are made up.

Plantations General.**Barbadoes.****Trade.**

Letter from Lord Viscount Bolingbroke about unfair trade to Martinico.

Letter to Mr. Carkess thereupon.

Letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of 10th July, 1714, with an extract of one from Monsieur Ponchartrain to Monsieur D'Iberville [fo. 280], complaining of unfair trade by English vessels to Martinico, was read; and thereupon order'd that a letter be writ to Mr. Carkess, inclosing the said extract, and desiring to know whether the Commissioners of the Customs have any account thereof from their naval officers in Barbadoes &c., and desiring copies of such instructions as have been given to the said officers for preventing clandestine and illegal trade.

Ordered that another letter, *mutatis mutandis*, be writ to Mr. Burchet, secretary of the Admiralty [fo. 279].

The same to Mr. Burchet.

A letter from the Earl of Orkney to my Lord Guilford, recommending Dr. Richard Tabor to be of the Council of Jamaica [fo. 263], was again read, and thereupon order'd that his name be put upon the list of counsellors which are recommended to supply the next vacancies.

Upon the secretary acquainting the Board that Mr. Campbell had desired a copy of those minutes, wherein he was call'd in and examined about his proceedings in relation to the procuring the Acts in favour of the sufferers of Nevis and St. Christopher's, the same was ordered to be given him accordingly.

Mr. John Mills attending, and the powers of attorney from several of the sufferers at Nevis to the said Mr. Mills being examined at the Board, the three debentures numbered 321, 509, 579 were delivered to him.

July 28. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Vernon.

A letter from Sir William Hodges, signifying that he had communicated to the Spanish merchants the secretary's letter of the 22nd instant, desiring their answers to several queries relating to duties in Spain [fo. 272], was read ; and Sir William Hodges being since dead, ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. James Dolliffe [fo. 283], inclosing a copy of the foresaid queries for his and other Spanish merchants' answers to them by to-morrow or Fryday next.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of 22nd July, 1714, desiring the Board to prepare proper instructions for the gentlemen appointed to treat with the French commissaries upon several points referr'd to them by the 10th, 11th, and 15[th] articles of the Treaty of Peace &c., was read. Whereupon ordered that letters be writ to Mr. Dummer, Colonel Vetch and Colonel Lodwick [fo. 281], inclosing copies of the foregoing 10[th] and 15[th] articles, for what they may have to offer thereupon, in relation to New England and New York ; to Colonel Douglas and Colonel Jory, with a copy of the 11th article, for what they may have to offer in relation to Mountserrat and Nevis ; to Mr. Potter, secretary of the Hudson's Bay Company [fo. 282], inclosing the 10th and 11th articles, for what they have to offer in relation to the said Bay ; and to Mr. Perry, secretary to the Royal African Company [fo. 283], inclosing the 11th article, for what they have to offer in relation thereto. All which they are desired to bring to their lordships in writing by Tuesday next.

A state of the value of the several species of goods and merchandize imported from and exported to Spain in three distinct years, in the time of the Ryswick Peace, from Christmas, 1698, to Christmas, 1701 [fo. 274, 302], received from the Inspector General, was read ; and thereupon ordered that a letter be writ Mr. Carkess to desire the following distinction may be made, that is :

How much of the value of the imports for those three years was for goods of the product of Spain, and how much for goods of the product of America ?

July 29. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Vernon.

1714.

Jamaica.

*Letter from the
Earl of Orkney about
new counsellor.*

Leeward Islands.

*Minute in relation
to Mr. Campbell
ordered him.*

Nevis.

*Mr. Mills.
Debentures deliver'd.*

Trade.

*Letter from Sir
William Hodges
about Spanish queries.*

*Letter to Mr.
Dolliffe thereupon.*

*Letter from Lord
Viscount Bolingbroke
about instructions to
treat with commis-
saries.*

*Letters to several
persons thereupon.*

Trade.

*Account of imports
and exports to and
from Spain.*

*Letter to Mr.
Carkesse for a dis-
tinction thereof.*

1714.

Trade.

Plantations General.
Barbadoes.*Letters &c. from
Mr. Burchet and Mr.
Carkesse about illegal
trade at Martinico.*

N. 171. Entry I. 326.

N. 172. Entry I. 328.

*Letter to Lord
Bolingbroke there-
upon.*

Entry I. 331.

Trade.

*Letter from Mr.
Dolliffe about
Spanish queries.**Letter to Lord
Viscount Bolingbroke.*

A letter from Mr. Burchet [*fo.* 275], in answer to one writ him the 23rd instant, desiring to know whether the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have received any account of unfair trade by English vessels at Martinico, was read, as was likewise another letter from Mr. Carkesse on the same subjects, with several papers about illegal trade between Barbadoes and Martinico, with an abstract of instructions given the Surveyor General of Barbadoes and the Leeward Islands for preventing such trade &c., and thereupon ordered that the draught of a letter be prepared in answer to that from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke of the 10th instant, upon one from Monsieur Pontchartrain to Mr. D'Iberville, complaining of unfair trade by English vessels at Martinico.

A letter from Mr. James Dolliffe, in answer to one writ him the 28th instant, desiring his and other Spanish merchants' answers to several queries relating to duties in Spain, signifying that the merchants cannot be ready before Wednesday next, was read, and a letter to the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, desiring to know whether the Board shall wait for the merchants' answer, or whether his lordship expects any return from the Board before that time, was signed.

July 30. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Vernon.

A letter to the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, in answer to one from his lordship of the 10th instant, upon one from Monsieur Pontchartrain [*fo.* 275] to Mr. D'Iberville, complaining of unfair trade by English vessels at Martinico, mention'd in yesterday's minutes, was signed.

August 3. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Vernon.

A memorial from Colonel Douglas, late Governor of the Leeward Islands, relating to the invasion of the French on the islands of Nevis and Mountserrat, was read.

Captain Merry &c. attending, presented to their lordships an abstract of the damages the Hudson Bay Company have sustain'd by the French in times of peace [*fo.* 241, 282], which was read.

Memorial from Colonel Vetch [*fo.* 277, 348], in answer to a letter writ him the 28th instant, inclosing copies of the 10th and 15th articles of the Treaty of Peace &c., for what he might have to offer thereupon in relation to Nova Scotia, New England, and New York, was read.

Order'd that the draughts of circular letters to all the Governors in America, ordering them to proclaim King George in their respective Governments, be prepared to be sign'd, and sent away, when the Board have received directions from the Lords Justices for that purpose.

August 4. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton.

Trade.

Plantations General.
Barbadoes.*Letter to Lord
Bolingbroke about
illegal trade at Mar-
tinico.*

Nevis.

Mountserrat.

*Memorial from
Colonel Douglas.
French invasion.*
Leeward Islands Entry
G. 139. Bund. O. 64.

Hudson's Bay.

*Abstract of damages
sustain'd there.*

Nova Scotia.

New England.

New York.

*Memorial from
Colonel Vetch.*

Plantations General.

*Circular letters for
proclaiming King
George.*

Memorial from the Hudson's Bay Company, describing the limits which they desire may be fix'd between them and the places appertaining to the French &c. [fo. 278], in answer to a letter writ them the 28th last month, inclosing the 10th and 11th articles of the Treaty of Peace with France, was read.

Ordered that a letter be writ to General Hamilton and Sir John St. Leger, inclosing a copy of the 11th article of the Treaty of Peace etc., desiring them to bring in writing by Fryday next what they may have to offer thereupon in relation to Mountserratt and Nevis.

Mr. John Perry [fo. 278], secretary to the Royal African Company, attending, presented to their lordships accounts of damages and losses sustain'd and injuries done the said Company in time of peace by the French, with some reasons concerning the forced capitulation of Gambia in 1702, in answer to a letter writ them the 28th last month, inclosing the 10th article of the Treaty of Peace with France, was read.

August 5. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Vernon.

The secretary acquainted the Board that Mr. Dolliffe [fo. 277, 288] had call'd at the office to know their lordships' pleasure, when they would be attended by him and the rest of the Spanish merchants, in relation to the queries sent him the 28th last month; whereupon ordered that a letter be writ him, signifying that their lordships have agreed to receive what they have to offer upon the said Spanish queries on Tuesday morning next at 11 a clock.

August 6. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Vernon.

An Order of Council, of the 5th of August, 1714, referring to the Board the draught of a proclamation approved of by the Lords Justices for proclaiming the King in his Majesty's respective plantations in America [fo. 287], and directing their lordships to prepare as many draughts properly fill'd up for the several and respective colonies and plantations there, as shall be necessary for that purpose, was read.

And a representation, transmitting to their Excellencies the Lords Justices such draughts as aforesaid, was sign'd.

General Hamilton attending, presented to the Board a memorial containing objections to the demands of the French from the inhabitants of Nevis, which their lordships agreed to consider at the first opportunity.

August 11. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Vernon.

The secretary again laid before their lordships the accounts of incidental charges in the service of this Board, from Christmas, 1713, to Midsummer, 1714 [fo. 270, 330], which are as follows, vizt.:

The stationer's account, from Christmas, 1713, to Lady Day, 1714.

1714.

Hudson's Bay.
Company's memorial.
Boundaries.

Mountserratt.
Nevis.

Letter to General
Hamilton and Sir
John St. Leger
thereupon.

Trade.
Account of hardships
laid on the African
Company by the
French.

Trade.
Mr. Dolliffe touching
Spanish queries.

Plantations General.
Order of Council
with draft of a pro-
clamation for pro-
claiming the King in
America.

Representation with
draughts thereof.

Nevis.
Inhabitants' objec-
tions to the French
demands.
General Hamilton's
memorial.

Miscellanies.
Incidents.

1714.

The stationer's account, from Lady Day, 1714, to Midsummer following.

Account of petty expences, from Christmas, 1713, to Lady Day, 1714.

Account of petty expences, from Lady Day, 1714, to Midsummer following.

The post officer's account, from Christmas, 1713, to Lady Day, 1714.

The post officer's account, from Lady Day, 1714, to Midsummer following.

Mr. Clark's account of wood and coals.

Whereupon a letter to the Lord High Treasurer, praying payment thereof, as likewise of the salaries due to this office, was signed.

A letter from Mr. James Campbell to the secretary, with a memorial containing several matters relating to Placentia, and the surveying the coast of Newfoundland, and preserving the fishery there, were read, and a letter to the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, inclosing a copy of the said memorial, as also another from Captain Taverner, therein referr'd to, together with a letter to the late Lord Treasurer thereupon, was signed.

Their lordships gave directions for copying Mr. Slyford's memorial relating to the fishery [fo. 197], together with his objections to Captain Taverner's scheme, that Mr. James Campbell may transmit them to the said Taverner for his observations.

An order from the Lords Justices, of the 10th August, 1714, approving the draughts of a proclamation laid before their lordships the 6th instant for proclaiming his Majesty King George in the plantations in America [fo. 284], and directing the Board to take care for the speedy conveyance of them, and of the orders from the Privy Council upon the same subject, by the two vessels appointed for that purpose, was read; and letters from the Board to the several plantations in America, inclosing the same orders and draughts of proclamations, were sign'd; and thereupon ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Burchet, secretary of the Admiralty, inclosing the same, in order to be forwarded by the said two vessels.

The said letters were as follow: To the Governors or Commanders-in-Chief of Jamaica, Barbadoes, the Leeward Islands, Bermuda, Virginia, Maryland, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts Bay, and New Hampshire, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland; to the Governor of Carolina, to the Governor and Company of Rhode Island and Connecticut, to the Governor and Company of Hudson's Bay, and to the Deputy Governor of Pennsylvania.

August 12. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Vernon.

The Spanish merchants' answer to queries inclosed to Mr. Dolliffe the 28th of the last month [fo. 283, 293], in relation to the trade to Spain, was read.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke of the 11th August, 1714, with extracts of letters from Mr. Burch, the British minister at Madrid, relating to difficulties about confirming the commissions of the British consuls in Spain [fo. 296], as also several papers

Letter to Lord Treasurer.

Newfoundland.
Letter from Mr. Campbell with a memorial about Placentia &c. inclosed to Lord Bolingbroke.

Newfoundland.
Mr. Slyford's memorial about the fishery &c. to be given Mr. Campbell.

Plantations General.
Order of Lords Justices approving the draughts of a proclamation for proclaiming the King in America.

Letter inclosing the same &c. sent Mr. Secretary Burchet.

The particulars thereof.

Trade.
Spanish queries answer'd.

Letter from Lord Viscount Bolingbroke with extracts from Mr. Burch about British consuls in Spain, and donative.

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relating to a donative demanded of the British merchants at Cadiz, were read.

Whereupon order'd that a letter be writ to Mr. James Dolliffe, inclosing a copy of the foregoing extracts of letters from Mr. Burch, relating to the British consuls, and to desire him to consult with other Spanish merchants, and to let their lordships have on Tuesday next in writing an account of the ancient usage in that particular, as also what they have to offer in relation to the donative lately demanded of the British merchants at Cadiz.

A letter from Mr. Charles Russell, of Cadiz, to the Board, relating to the French trade to the Spanish West Indies, was read, and thereupon order'd that a letter be writ to Sir Joseph Hodges, desiring him to lend their lordships for a few days his original Spanish licence [*fo.* 293], which had been communicated to the Board by his father, for permitting some French to trade to the Spanish West Indies.

*Letter to Mr.
Dolliffe thereupon.*

Trade.
*Letter from Mr.
Russell about French
trade to the Spanish
West Indies.
Letter to Sir
Joseph Hodges.
Spanish licence.*

August 13. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows,

Mr. Moore, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytt[s], Mr. Vernon.

Colonel Vetch attending, and being asked how the French behav'd themselves upon the reduction of Nova Scotia, he said that upon the taking of that country from them, the inhabitants swore allegiance to her late Majesty, but soon after all the forces (except the garrison that remain'd in Annapolis Royal) were withdrawn, they rose in a body, took arms, were by a priest at the head of them absolv'd of their said oath, and block'd up the fort and garrison for several months, nor did they return to their obedience till the peace was proclaim'd.

Nova Scotia.
*Colonel Vetch in re-
lation thereto.*

Mr. Campbell attending, communicated to the Board a letter from Colonel Moody, Lieutenant Governor of Placentia, touching his proceedings there in relation to the French fishery, which was read.

Newfoundland.
*Letter from Colonel
Moody about his
proceedings in Pla-
centia.*

Letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of the 12th instant [*v. infra*], upon several heads contain'd in Colonel Moody's letter to his lordship relating to Newfoundland, for the Board's consideration, was read, and directions given for preparing the draught of an answer thereupon.

Newfoundland.
*Letter from Lord
Bolingbroke on
several heads in
Colonel Moody's
letter.*

August 14. Present :—Mr. Moore, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of the 12th instant, for an account of what has been done since the peace, relating to Hudson's Bay, Nova Scotia and St. Christopher's &c., was read, and an answer thereunto immediately drawn up and sign'd.

**Hudson's Bay.
Nova Scotia.
St. Christopher's.**
*Letter from Lord
Bolingbroke.*

Letter to the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, in answer to his lordship's of the 12th instant [*v. supra*], mention'd in yesterday's minutes, upon several heads contain'd in Colonel Moody's letter to his lordship, in relation to Newfoundland, was sign'd.

Newfoundland.
*Letter to Lord
Bolingbroke thereupon.
Colonel Moody.*

August 16. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts.

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Trade.

*Letter from Mr.
Secretary Bromley
with papers from
Bruxels.*

Letter from Mr. Secretary Bromley, of the 6th instant [*fo.* 294, 300], inclosing two papers from the Council of State at Bruxels, was read, together with the said papers, which are as follows, vizt. :

Memorial from the Council of State at Bruxels, representing the disadvantages the subjects of the Low Countries labour under in their trade with Great Britain.

Project of a Treaty of Commerce for the British subjects and those of the Imperial Low Countries.

*Mr. Drummond
summond.*

Whereupon ordered that the same be taken into consideration on Wednesday morning next, and that Mr. Drummond be desired to attend at the same time.

August 17. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Plantations General.
*Circular letter about
illegal trade.*

Their lordships agreed on the draught of a circular letter to all the Governors of the plantations, directing them to take care that no illegal trade be carryd on between their respective governments and the French settlements in America [*fo.* 297], by any of his Majesty's ships of war or other vessels, and ordered the same to be transcribed.

Trade.

*Letter from Sir
Joseph Hodges with
Spanish contract.*

Letter from Sir Joseph Hodges, inclosing a Spanish contract for two ships, and a patack for the Honduras, and one for Carraceas [*fo.* 289, 351], was read, and directions given for getting the said contract translated.

*Letter to Mr.
Dolliffe about
Spanish merchants'
attendance.*

The Spanish merchants not coming as they were expected, ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. James Dolliffe [*fo.* 288, 296], to acquaint him that their lordships are desirous to know what day will be most convenient for him and the other Spanish merchants to attend.

August 18. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Trade.
*Mr. Drummond's
observations on the
Bruxels memorial
and project of a Treaty
of Commerce.*

Mr. Drummond attending, as he had been desired the 16th instant, their lordships communicated to him Mr. Secretary Bromley's letter of the 6th [*fo.* 292], with a memorial from the Council of State at Bruxels, about disadvantages the subjects of the Imperial Low Countries labour under in their trade with Great Britain, together with the project of a Treaty of Commerce between the said Low Countries and this kingdom; all which papers were read, and Mr. Drummond made several observations thereupon, particularly upon the 1st article of the foremention'd memorial, relating to the duties payable here on the Flanders linnen. He said that 'twas true that the Flanders linnen did pay higher duties than those imported by Hamburgh and Holland; the Flanders coarse linnen from 8 to 18 stivers an ell pay as much as the Dutch fine; that about the year 1709, two pence per ell was taken off of the Dutch linnen in general, but not off of those of Flanders, which he thought a hardship upon them, and he beleiv'd they wou'd be satisfy'd if the same favour was shewn to them. Another reason for their complaint, he said, was that the Flanders linnen pays duties by the yard, and the Dutch *ad valorem*. After some further discourse

with Mr. Drummond thereupon, their lordships gave Mr. Drummond copies of the above-mention'd memorial and treaty, for his observations thereupon, which he promised to bring their lordships to-morrow morning.

He then communicated to their lordships the draught of a Treaty of Commerce with Flanders (mentioned in the minutes of the 6th of November, 1713) [*fo.* 39, 299], as it had been amended, pursuant to their lordships' letters to Mr. Secretary Bromley, the 2nd of December, 1713, and 6th of March, 171 $\frac{3}{4}$ [*fo.* 55, 152]. He further communicated to their lordships a memorial he had received from the British merchants in Flanders, containing the heads of what they desired might be provided for in the Treaty of Commerce. Whereupon ordered that a copy of the said memorial be kept.

Mr. Dolliffe, Mr. Weyland, with several Spanish merchants attending [*fo.* 293], presented to their lordships a memorial in answer to a letter writ Mr. Dolliffe the 12th instant, upon the papers in my Lord Bolingbroke's letter of the 11th [*fo.* 288, 298], relating to the difficulty the King of Spain makes of admitting the British consuls in Spain, and relating to the donative demanded of the British subjects there, which was read, as also the extracts of two letters they had lately received from Spain, signifying that soldiers had been quarter'd upon the British subjects for non-payment of the said donative, and that they expected to have the number of soldiers doubled upon them every day they persisted in their refusal.

These gentlemen being then ask'd some questions in relation to the duties on the exportation of Spanish wooll, they said that they desired the said duties should stand as they do now, and not be lower'd; that they had consulted the Blackwell Hall factors, who were of the same opinion, for that the duties in Spain upon wooll are all the same upon coarse or fine alike; that we export only the fine, and the French, who are our rivals in the coarse woollen manufactures, only the coarser sort; so that, were the duties lower'd, the French wou'd be enabled thereby to outsel us abroad.

These gentlemen being then desir'd to give their lordships a memorial of this matter in writing, they promised to do it accordingly.

August 19. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Circular letters to all the Governors of the plantations [*fo.* 293], directing them to take care that no illegal trade be carry'd on between their respective governments and the French settlements in America, by any of his Majesty's ships of war or other vessels, agreed the 17th instant, were signed.

Their lordships, taking into consideration the letter from the Lord Bolingbroke of the 11th of August, 1714, inclosing extracts of letters relating to difficulties about confirming the commissions of the British consuls in Spain [*fo.* 296, 299], and several papers relating to a donative demanded of the British merchants at Cadiz; as also the memorial presented to their lordships by the Spanish

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Copies thereof given him.

Trade.
Mr. Drummond's Treaty of Commerce amended.

Memorial from British merchants in Flanders.

Trade.
Spanish merchants' memorial about British consuls in Spain, and in relation to the donative demanded there.

Queries answer'd in relation to the duties on Spanish wooll.

Memorial to be brought thereupon.

Barbadoes.
Plantations General.
Circular letters about illegal trade in America.

Trade.
Papers about British consuls in Spain and to a donative, consider'd.

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*Letter to Lord
Bolingbroke thereupon.*

Newfoundland.
*Papers ordered Mr.
Campbell.*

St. Christopher's.
*Memorial from Mr.
Duport praying his
&c. petition about
lands there may be
consider'd.*

Trade.
*Letter to Lord
Bolingbroke about
British consuls in
Spain and to a
donative.*

*Mr. Drumond's
observations on his
Flanders Treaty of
Commerce.*

Trade.
*Memorial of grievances
in commerce
between the Nether-
lands and Great
Britain, with Mr.
Drumond's observa-
tions thereupon.
Letter to Mr.
Carkesse with extract
thereof about
Flanders linnens.*

*Treaty of Commerce
between Great
Britain and Imperial
Low Countries.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Bromley
thereupon.*

Nevis.
*Mr. Mills.
Debentures deliver'd.*

merchants yesterday; ordered that the draught of a letter to the Lord Bolingbroke be prepared thereupon.

Mr. Campbell desiring to have copies of the Board's letter of 2nd April last to the late Lord Treasurer [*fo.* 170], and of the memorial from Captain Taverner relating to his survey of Newfoundland therein referr'd to, order'd that the same be given him accordingly.

August 20. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

A memorial from Mr. Duport [*fo.* 308], praying the Board to take into consideration Mr. Lowndes's letter of 14th May, 1714, upon a petition from the said Duport and other French refugees, relating to lands in St. Christopher's, was read, and their lordships agreed to consider that matter on Tuesday next.

Letter to the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, in answer to one from him of the 11th August, 1714, with extracts of letters relating to difficulties about confirming the commissions of the British consuls in Spain [*fo.* 298], and relating to a donative demanded of the British merchants at Cadiz, mention'd in yesterday's minutes, was sign'd.

Mr. Drumond presented to the Board the draught of a Treaty of Commerce with Flanders in English [*fo.* 295], being a translation of that mention'd in the minutes of 18th instant, with several notes and observations in the margents.

August 23. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts.

Memorial of several grievances relating to the commerce between the Netherlands and this kingdom, referr'd to in Mr. Secretary Bromley's letter of the 6th (and read the 16th) instant [*fo.* 292, 301], was again consider'd, together with some observations thereupon by Mr. Drumond; whereupon ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Carkesse, inclosing the three first paragraphs of the said memorial relating to Flanders linnens, and desiring the opinion of the Commissioners of the Customs in writing, on Wednesday next, on the said paragraphs, or that some of their officers may then attend their lordships [*fo.* 303].

Project of a Treaty of Commerce between this kingdom and the Imperial Low Countries, referr'd to in Mr. Secretary Bromley's above-mention'd letter of the 6th instant, was again consider'd; and directions given for preparing the draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary Bromley thereupon.

August 24. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Mr. John Mills attending, and the powers of attorney from several of the sufferers at Nevis to the said Mr. Mills being examin'd at the Board, the six debentures number'd 204, 481, 508, 533, 549 and 586 were delivered to him.

Mr. Langdon attending with a letter of attorney from Mr. Connohore, a sufferer at Nevis, it was examin'd at the Board, and the debenture number'd 501 delivered to him.

A letter to Mr. Secretary Bromley, in answer to his of the 6th instant, referring to their lordships the draught of a Treaty of Commerce [fo. 300, 308], between this kingdom and the Imperial Low Countries, for their consideration, was signed.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse, in answer to three writ him the 22nd, 23rd and 28th last month [fo. 278, 344], for an account of the species and value of goods exported to and imported from Spain for three years in time of peace &c., was read, and the two papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, and are as followeth, vizt. :

An account shewing the species and quantities of goods and merchandizes, and the amount of the value imported and exported between the kingdoms of England and Spain, in three distinct years, in the time of the Ryswick Peace, from Christmas, 1698, to Christmas, 1701, with a state of the said three years' trade, and a comparison shewing the excess thereof.

An account shewing the species and quantities of goods and merchandize, and the amount of the value imported and exported between the kingdoms of England and Spain, in one year and a half, since the cessation of arms from Michaelmas, 1712, to Lady Day, 1714, with a state of the said year and half's trade, and a comparison shewing the excess thereof.

August 25. Present:—Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Letter from Mr. John Bicknell to Mr. Moore, relating to the Spanish trade, was laid before the Board, and read.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, of the 23rd of June, 1714, for the Board's opinion upon the translations of two letters from Spain relating to an English clergyman at the Canaries [fo. 312], and about the trade to Yvica [fo. 247, 311], mention'd in the minutes of the 24th of June last, was again read; and thereupon ordered that letters be writ to Mr. James Dolliffe and Mr. John Mead, desiring them to attend their lordships to-morrow or on Fryday next.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse [fo. 300], of this day's date, signifying that the Commissioners of the Customs had sent Mr. Towers, Deputy to the Collector inward, and Mr. Baynes, one of the land surveyors, pursuant to their lordships' desire of the 23rd instant, was read; and the said gentleman attending accordingly, their lordships communicated to them the memorial of grievances from the Council of State at Bruxels [fo. 300], mention'd in the minutes of the 23rd instant. Whereupon these gentlemen said that there were several mistakes in that memorial, particularly in that article wherein it is said that Flanders linnen are appraised at 17s. 6d. sterling per English yard, for they are appraised but at 14s. 6d.

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Mr. Langdon.
Ditto.

Trade.

Letter to Mr.
Secretary Bromley
on Flanders papers.

Trade.

Letter from Mr.
Carkesse, with exports
and imports to and
from Spain.

Papers referr'd to.

Trade.

Spanish.
Letter from Mr.
Bicknel.

Letter from Lord
Viscount Bolingbroke
about English clergy-
man at Canaries and
trade to Yvica.

Mr. Dolliffe and
Mead summon'd
thereupon.

Trade.

Custom House officer's
remarks on Bruzell's
memorial.

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the English ell; that Flanders linnen does not pay more than the Dutch linnens; that by an Act of the 6th of the Queen (*folio* 350), the $\frac{2}{3}$ subsidy is taken off all European linnens. But the real hardship they lye under is that the coarse linnens pay as much as the fine, which is the same for all other nations; that the tickens of Holland and Flanders pay alike, but those from Hamburgh higher; that velvets and silks from Italy pay 8*d.* per pound less than those from Flanders or Holland; that the alien duty here is one quarter part of the first subsidy, and is about $\frac{1}{16}$ of the whole duty. After some further discourse with these gentlemen, their lordships delivered to them a copy of the above-mention'd memorial of grievances, and desired them to put their observations in the margin thereof [*fo.* 307], which they promised to do against Fryday next.

August 26. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Barbadoes.
*Four letters from
the President.*

A letter from Colonel Sharp, President of the Council of Barbadoes, to the Board, dated June the 4th; 1714, was read, as were likewise the three papers therein referr'd to, which are as follows, vizt.:

Papers referr'd to.

Copy of the President's speech to the Council and Assembly of Barbadoes.

Minutes of Assembly of Barbadoes of the 7th of June, 1714.

Copy of the General Assemblie's address to the President of Barbadoes.

Another letter from Colonel Sharp, dated the 24th of April, 1714, was read, with papers therein referr'd to, which are as follows, vizt.:

Copies of several letters &c. between Mr. Sharp, President, and the rest of the Council of Barbadoes, relating to Mr. Lowther's refusal to surrender the government immediately upon her Majesty's orders being produced by Mr. Sharp.

Copy of an address from several of the inhabitants of Barbadoes to her Majesty, upon Mr. Sharp's being appointed Commander-in-Chief there.

Copy of an address of thanks from the clergy of Barbadoes to her Majesty, upon Mr. Sharp's being appointed Commander-in-Chief of Barbadoes.

A third letter from Mr. Sharpe, dated the 27th April, 1714, and the following paper therein referr'd to, were read:

Copy of an article in the Governor's instructions relating to devolution of government.

A fourth letter from Mr. Sharp, dated the 8th May, 1714, was read, as likewise the following paper therein referr'd to:

Copy of Mr. Sharp's speech to the Council and Assembly of Barbadoes.

Placentia.
*Two letters from
Colonel Moody about
peace proclaim'd and
harbour there.*

Two letters from Colonel Moody, Governor of Placentia, of 22nd June and 3rd July, 1714, signifying his having proclaim'd the peace both with France and Spain, and describing the commodiousness of the harbour of Placentia for the improvement of our fishery, were read.

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August 27. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Letter from Mr. Towers [*fo.* 305], Deputy Collector of the Customs inwards, inclosing his observations on the memorial of grievances complain'd of by the Council of State at Brussels, relating to the trade of those countries with this kingdom, delivered to him the 25th instant, was read; and a letter to Mr. Secretary Bromley, transmitting the said memorial [*fo.* 301], and their lordships' observations thereupon, in order to be laid before the Lords Justices, was signed.

Mr. Duport attending, and desiring to withdraw the letter of reference from Mr. Lowndes of the 14th of May, 1714 [*fo.* 298], upon a petition from him and other French refugees relating to lands in St. Christopher's, ordered that the same be given him.

Mr. Attorney General's report, in answer to a letter writ him the 10th of June last [*fo.* 229], relating to the passing and transmitting of temporary plantation laws, was read, and a representation thereupon ordered to be drawn.

Mr. Drumond's observations on the project of a Treaty of Commerce with Flanders, and on the memorial of grievances there, were received from him.

Trade.

Custom House officer's observations on the Brussels memorial.

Letter to Mr. Secretary Bromley.

St. Christopher's.

Mr. Duport desiring to withdraw the petition of French refugees.

Plantations General Proprieties.

Mr. Attorney General's report.

Temporary laws.

Trade.

Mr. Drumond. Observations on Flanders papers.

August 30. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

A report to the Lords of the Committee of Appeals from the plantations, pursuant to an order from them of the 5th of June last [*fo.* 228, 314], and mention'd in the minutes of the 9th, requiring the Board to examine and report by what grants or authorities several of her Majesty's plantations do claim a power of making temporary laws, so as to be able to evade her Majesty's prerogative of repealing such laws as may be thought unfit to be confirm'd, was agreed, and order'd to be transcribed.

Memorial from Sir John Bennet, on behalf of his brother, Captain Bennet, late Governor of Bermuda, was read, as was likewise a letter from the said Captain Bennet, of the 25th of September, 1713, desiring the Board's directions to Captain Pulleyn, the present Governor of Bermuda, that he endeavour to procure satisfaction of his demands of that government. Whereupon ordered that a letter be prepared to the said Captain Pulleyn thereupon.

Letter from Mr. Cunynham, of the 1st of June, 1714, representing the conduct of the gentlemen who are to take depositions for the effectual proving his complaints against General Douglas and Lieutenant Governor Lambert, was read; and a letter to Colonel Smith, President of the Council of Nevis, directing him to appoint proper persons to receive the said depositions, was ordered to be drawn.

Plantations General Proprieties.

Report to the Committee of Appeals about temporary laws.

Bermuda.

Memorial from Sir John Bennet about his brother's demands on that government.

St. Christopher's.

Letter from Mr. Cunynham. Depositions. Letter to Colonel Smith.

August 31. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

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Newfoundland.
*Letter from Mr.
 Addison to summon
 the Board about
 Captain Taverner.*

A letter from Mr. Addison, of yesterday's date, requiring the Board to attend their Excellencies the Lords Justices to-morrow morning, in relation to Captain Taverner's being made surveyor of Newfoundland [fo. 312], was read; and thereupon ordered that the several papers in this office relating to that matter be look'd out and copy'd against to-morrow morning.

Trade.
*Spanish merchants
 touching the prohibi-
 tion of our commerce
 to Yvica.*

Mr. Dolliffe, with other Spanish merchants, attending [fo. 303], as he had been desired the 25th instant, in relation to the King of Spain's prohibiting the British commerce to Yvica, their lordships communicated to him the copy of the letter from the Secretary of State at Madrid to the British minister there, upon that subject. Whereupon Mr. Dolliffe said that he believ'd the reason of this proceeding was that the King of Spain had lately laid so high a duty on the salt made at Lamatt, near Cape Paul, in the Mediterranean, that the salt that used formerly to be bought there for four dollars the tun and half, was now sold for sixteen, which obliged people to go to Yvica, where they had it much cheaper; another reason of this prohibition, he thought, might be because Yvica is a dependant of Majorca, as Majorca is of Barcelona, and therefore he wou'd not allow any trade to be carry'd on whereby the Barcelonians might be relieved in any manner. He added that he never knew our trade to Yvica had ever been prohibited before.

*Clergyman at the
 Canaries.*

Then being ask'd if he knew anything of an English clergyman in the Canaries [fo. 303], (mentiond in another letter from the Spanish secretary to the British minister at Madrid,) he said that he did not, but he wou'd send some Canary merchants to their lordships.

September 1. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Newfoundland.
*Their Excellencies
 attended by the Board
 in relation to Captain
 Taverner.*

The several papers in this office relating to Captain Taverner and his survey of Newfoundland, as directed the last meeting, being now prepar'd and laid before the Board, their lordships went to attend their Excellencies the Lords Justices [fo. 310, 313]; and after some discourse with their Excellencies thereupon, they were directed to write to the several out-ports to know whether such a survey be necessary, and whether Colonel Nicholson may not be a proper person to get it done, or whether any other person there may be more proper for the doing of it.

*To write to out-ports
 touching the survey.*

September 2. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts.

Newfoundland.
*Letter from Mr.
 Addison about neces-
 sity of the survey and
 who proper to under-
 take it.*

A letter from Mr. Addison, by order of the Lords Justices, of the 1st instant, desiring the Board to receive informations from the fishing bourroughs whether such a survey be necessary [fo. 312], as was proposed by Mr. Taverner? Whether Mr. Nicholson may not properly be directed to procure such a survey to be made; if not, and that their lordships think it necessary that they recommend to their Excellencies a person fit for that service, was read; and thereupon ordered that letters be writ to Sir John Lambert and Mr. Solomon Merrit [fo. 314], desiring to speak with them and such

*Letter to Sir John
 Lambert and Mr.
 Merrit thereupon.*

other merchants trading to Newfoundland, as they think proper to bring with them, thereupon to-morrow at 11 a clock in the morning.

A report to the Lords of the Committee of Appeals from the plantations, pursuant to an order from them of the 5th instant last [*sic*] [fo. 309], in relation to temporary laws pass'd there, mention'd in the minutes of 30th last month, was sign'd.

September 7. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts.

Letter from Sir John Lambert [fo. 313], signifying his having sign'd a memorial to the Lords Justices, recommending Captain Taverner as a fit person to take a survey of Newfoundland, was read.

Mr. Merret attending, as he had been desired the 2nd instant, presented to their lordships the copy of a memorial from several merchants trading to Newfoundland to the Lords Justices, in behalf of Captain Taverner, appointed to survey those parts, which was read; and Mr. Merret being ask'd his thoughts upon the said survey, he said, that he was of opinion it was absolutely necessary, and that none was so fit to do it as Captain Taverner.

After Mr. Merret was withdrawn, ordered that letters be writ to the Lord Provost of Edingburgh, to the Mayors of Exeter, Bristol, Plymouth, Dartmouth, Weymouth, Pool, Barnstable, Liverpool, Fowey, and to the Collector of the Customs at Biddiford [fo. 447], to desire them to consult the merchants, and let the Board have their opinion whether the said survey be necessary, and to name a person fitly qualify'd to do it, and if they think Colonel Nicholson may find a proper person there, that then they wou'd inform the Board of his name and qualifications for that purpose.

An anonymous letter, dated the 2nd instant, and signed A.D.Wt., giving an account of a clandestine and illegal trade carry'd on in British ships between France and the Spanish West Indies, was read; and directions given for an advertizement to be put in the *Gazet*, that if the persons who sent the said letter will attend their lordships thereupon, they shall have all fitting encouragement.

Mr. Lowther and Mr. Heysham attending, acquainted the Board that they had received letters from Barbadoes, informing them that Mr. Sharp [fo. 324] had displaced three of the judges, vizt., Mr. Sutton, Mr. Carter and Mr. Vaughan, and that four of the Council, vizt., Mr. Frere, Mr. Hallet, Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Berwick, were threatn'd to be turn'd out from that Board for not complying with Mr. Sharp; and therefore these gentlemen desired that they might be heard before any resolution was taken upon these matters.

Then Mr. William Heysham communicated to their lordships the copy of a letter he had received from some of the members of the Council and Assembly, giving an account of Mr. Sharp's proceedings since his being at Barbadoes.

He then produced the powers of attorney from Mr. James Ramsey, of St. Christopher's, to himself and brother, Robert Heysham, which being examin'd at the Board, the debenture number'd 605 was delivered to him.

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Pensylvania.
Plantations General.
Report in relation to temporary laws.

Newfoundland.
Sir John Lambert and Mr. Merret. A letter and memorial from them in behalf of Captain Taverner, appointed to survey Newfoundland.

Letter to Mayors of several out-ports thereupon.

Trade.
Illegal [trade] between France and the Spanish West Indies. Anonymous letter.

Barbadoes.
Mr. Lowther &c. about Mr. Sharp's displacing counsellors there &c.

Account of Mr. Sharp's proceedings.

St. Christopher's.
Mr. Heysham. Debentures deliver'd.

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Barbadoes.*Letter from the
President.**Papers referr'd to.*

September 8. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts.

A letter from Colonel Sharp, President of the Council of Barbadoes, dated the 1st July, 1714, was read, and the three papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

List of gentlemen recommended by Colonel Sharp to supply vacancies in the Council of Barbadoes.

The President's speech to the Council of Barbadoes.

Copy of her Majesty's warrant to Mitford Crow, esquire, directing him to discharge Mr. Downs, judge of the Comon Pleas, for delaying the tryal of a suit between him and Mr. Bentley, and to supply his place by persons well qualify'd to attend their duty.

September 9. Present :—Lord Guilford, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Letter from Colonel Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, dated 9th March, 171 $\frac{3}{4}$, was read ; and the several papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

Virginia.
*Letter from the
Governor.*

*Papers therein
referr'd to.*

Treaty with the Nottoway Indians, concluded at Williamsburgh, the 27th February, 1713.

Treaty with the Saponie Indians, concluded at Williamsburgh, the 27th of February, 1713.

Treaty with the Tuscaruro Indians, concluded at Williamsburgh, the 27th of February, 1713.

Minutes of Council, from the 12th August, 1713, to the 1st March following.

Minutes of Council in Assembly, from the 5th of November, 1713, to the 12th December following.

Minutes of Assembly, from 5th November, 1713.

Twelve Acts pass'd the 12th of December, 1713.

Maryland.
*Two letters from the
Governor.*

Two letters from Mr. Hart, Governor of Maryland, to the Board, dated the 14th and 22nd of June, 1714, signifying his arrival there the 29th of May, summoning the Council, publishing his commission &c., will send a state of the province, and has publish'd the proclamation of the peace with Spain, were read.

September 14. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton, Mr. Pytts, Mr. Vernon.

Nevis.
Mr. Mills.
Debentures deliver'd.

Mr. Mills attending, and the powers of attorney from several of the sufferers of Nevis to the said Mr. Mills being examin'd at the Board, the three debentures number'd 490, 525 and 593 were delivered to him.

Virginia.
*Letter from Colonel
Spotswood.*

A letter from Colonel Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, dated the 20th of July, 1714, was read ; and the papers therein referr'd to were laid before the Board, and are as follows, vizt. :

Account of quit rents, from 25th April, 1713, to 25th April, 1714.

Copies of two proclamations about taking up land and publishing the peace with Spain.

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Account of the revenue of 2s. per hogshead on tobacco, from 25th April, 1713, to 25th April, 1714.

Minutes of Council, from the 30th of March to the 16th June, 1714.

September 17. Present:—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Pytts.

Mr. Mills attending, and the powers of attorney from several of the sufferers at Nevis to the said Mr. Mills being examined at the Board, the three debentures number'd 480, 494 and 563 were delivered to him.

Nevis.
Mr. Mills.
Debentures deliver'd.

October 8. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Moore.

A letter from my Lord Viscount Townsend, of the 6th of October, 1714, desiring an account of all duties payable in the Spanish Low Countries, on goods and merchandizes which pass up the river Schelde and canals of Sas &c., as also desiring to know whether the Board have considered and made any observations on them; and likewise desiring to know whether the provision made in the 3rd article of Mr. Drummond's project be sufficient to prevent the frauds mentioned in the 5th article of Mr. Law's project, was read; and Mr. Drummond attending at the same time, and the said letter being communicated to him, he said that all goods and merchandizes imported into the Spanish Low Countries by the Scheld, the Sas and Ostend, are to pay the same duties by the tariff of the 21st of December, 1680, and other ordinances relating thereunto, and also a duty of one *per cent.* convoy money; but the goods that go by land, either from France or Holland, do not pay the said convoy duty, for which reason there is a provision made by the 9th article of his project for taking off the convoy duty.

Trade.
Letter from Lord Viscount Townsend about duties payable in Spanish Low Countries and 3rd article of Mr. Drummond's project.

His explanation thereof.

That by a new ordinance made at Brussels, the 24th January, 1714, in conformity to the 4th separate article of the Treaty of Utrecht between France and Holland (a copy whereof he then deliverd to the Board), the trade between France and the Spanish countries is put upon the foot of the tariff of 1670, and the subsequent ordinances; but how far the same is in practice at Ostend, in relation to France, he is not inform'd.

After Mr. Drumond was withdrawn, their lordships writ a letter to my Lord Townsend, in answer to his aforementioned.

Answer.

October 14. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton.

Letter from the Lord Viscount Townsend [*v. infra*], of the 12th of October, 1714 [R. fo. 107], with an extract of one from Mr. Wich, and a copy of a convention between Great Britain and Hamburgh for regulating the herring trade there, as also in relation to the tariffs in the Spanish Netherlands, were read. Whereupon ordered that notice be given to Mr. Drumond to attend the Board to-morrow morning.

Trade.
Letter from Lord Townsend about herring fishery at Hamburgh and tariffs.

October 15. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore.

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Trade.

*Mr. Drummond's
observations on the
Flanders tarif.*

*Letter to Mr. Carkesse
for a list of exports
and imports to and
from Flanders.*

Mr. Drummond attending, as he had been desired yesterday, their lordships communicated to him [*v. supra*] that part of my Lord Townsend's letter of the 12th instant, which relates to the tariffs of Flanders. Whereupon he said that the French were under the tarif of 1670; that this kingdom and Holland were under that of 1680; that by the tarif of 1684, the people of Liege and Vervier are allow'd to import their cloaths into Flanders on easier terms than we are by the tarif of 1680. After some further discourse with him on this subject, their lordships agreed that in order to make proper observations upon the said tariffs, it was necessary to have from the Custom House a list of the several species of goods exported from this kingdom to Flanders and imported from thence hither [*fo. 326*]; and a letter was immediately writ to Mr. Carkesse accordingly.

October 26. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Vernon.

Barbados.
*Mrs. Sharpe with
several papers in
behalf of her husband
the President.*

Mrs. Sharpe attending [*fo. 316*], presented to their lordships a memorial in behalf of her husband, William Sharpe, esquire, President of the Council at Barbadoes, as also the copy of a petition to his Majesty in her said husband's favour, together with two addresses from the Council and General Assembly to her late Majesty, returning her Majesty thanks for appointing the said Sharpe their president, and praying that their former complaints against the said Sharpe, Mr. Walker and Beresford, may be dismissed; which were all read, and thereupon ordered that a letter to my Lord Viscount Townshend be drawn up [*fo. 326*], to inclose the said addresses.

*Letter to the Lord
Viscount Townshend
inclosing addresses.*

Trade.

*Letter from
Lord Townshend
&c. about Treaty of
Commerce with
Denmark.*

A letter from my Lord Viscount Townshend, of the 25th instant [*fo. 327*], with an extract of one from Mr. Pulteney, Envoy at Denmark, to Mr. Secretary Bromley, dated at Copenhagen, the 9th of October, 1714, relating to the renewing, adding to and explaining the Treaty of Commerce of 1670 with that Court, was read. Whereupon ordered that all the papers in this office touching the said matter be look'd out and laid before the Board to-morrow.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Carkesse [*fo. 324, 329*], to hasten the lists of goods exported and imported to and from the Spanish Netherlands, mentioned in the secretary's letter of the 15th instant.

October 27. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Vernon.

Nevis.
*Captain Smith.
Debentures delivered.*

Captain John Smith attending, and the powers of attorney from several of the sufferers of Nevis to the said Captain Smith being examined at the Board, the five debentures number'd 496, 504, 545, 556 and 572 were delivered to him.

Barbadoes.
*Addresses.
Letter to Lord
Viscount Townshend.*

A letter to the Lord Viscount Townshend [*fo. 325*], inclosing two addresses from the Council and General Assembly of Barbadoes to her late Majesty, in favour of Colonel Sharp, President of the Council of that island (mention'd in yesterday's minutes), was signed.

A letter from my Lord Viscount Townshend, of the 25th instant [*fo.* 325], with an extract of one from Mr. Pulteney, his Majesty's Envoy at Denmark, relating to the Treaty of Commerce of 1670 with that Court (mention'd in yesterday's minutes), was again read and consider'd by the Board, as also the several papers in this office relating to the trade with Denmark. Whereupon their lordships agreed upon the draught of an answer to my Lord Townshend's abovemention'd letter, which was immediately transcribed and sign'd.

November 1. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Vernon.

Letter from the Lord Viscount Townshend, of 28th last month [*fo.* 333], inclosing copies of one from Monsieur Pontchartrain to Monsieur D'Iberville, and of the declaration of the French King, referr'd to therein, against trading to the South Sea, were read. Whereupon order'd that letters be writ to Sir James Doliffe and Mr. Ury, secretary to the South Sea Company, signifying that their lordships desire to speak with the former and other Spanish merchants, together with some of the directors of the said Company thereupon [*fo.* 332] on Wednesday next at eleven a clock in the morning.

Order of a Committee of Council, of 27th October, 1714, referring to the Board the petitions of Stephen Duport and other French refugees [*fo.* 198], relating to the resettling the French part of the island of St. Christopher's, was read.

Letter from the Lord Viscount Townshend, of 28th last month, with copies of two from Captain Paddon, as also of a treaty concluded by him with the Emperor of Morrocco [*fo.* 331, 335], were read; and thereupon ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Samuel Winder, desiring to speak with him and such other merchants as we shall think proper thereupon, on Wednesday next at eleven a clock in the morning.

November 2. Present:—Lord Guilford, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Vernon.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse [*fo.* 326], in answer to two writ him the 15th and 26th of last month, inclosing a list of the several species of goods exported from this kingdom to the Spanish Netherlands, and of those imported from thence hither; and another also of the quantities of such of the goods as have been exported or imported, from Christmas, 1712, to Christmas, 1713, was read.

Whereupon ordered that copies be taken of the several species of goods in the said lists, in order to their lordships' observations thereupon.

November 3. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Vernon.

The secretary laid before their lordships the accounts of incidental charges in the service of this Board, from Christmas, 1713, to Michaelmas following [*fo.* 285], which are as follows, vizt. :

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Trade.

Letter from Lord Viscount Townshend &c. consider'd together with the Danish Treaty of Commerce &c.

Answer.

Trade.

Letter from the Lord Viscount Townshend with papers against trading to the South Sea.

Merchants summon'd thereupon.

St. Christopher's.

Order of a committee with petition about resettling the French part of that island.

Trade.

Letter from Lord Viscount Townshend &c.

Morocco treaty. Merchants summon'd.

Trade.

Letter from Mr. Carkesse with a list of goods imported and exported to and from Flanders.

Copies to be taken of the several species thereof.

Miscellanies.

Incidental charges.

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	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Account of petty expences, from Christmas, 1713, to Lady Day, 1714, amounting to	44	5	6
The same, from Lady Day, 1714, to Midsummer following, amounting to	57	15	6
The same, from Midsummer, 1714, to Michaelmas following, amounting to	42	13	8
The stationer's account, from Christmas, 1713, to Lady [Day], 1714, amounting to	45	14	3
The same, from Lady Day, 1714, to Midsummer following, amounting to	26	6	6
The stationer's account, from Midsummer, 1714, to Michaelmas following, amounting to	34	8	2
The post officer's account, from Christmas, 1713, to Lady Day, 1714, amounting to	9	16	10
The same, from Lady Day, 1714, to Midsummer following, amounting to	16	15	9
The same, from Midsummer, 1714, to Michaelmas following, amounting to	22	19	3
Samuel Clark's account for wood and coals ..	33	10	9
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	£334	6	2

*Letter to the
Treasury praying
payment thereof.*

Trade.

*Barbary merchants'
observations on the
Morocco treaty.*

Whereupon a letter to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, praying payment thereof, as likewise of the salaries due to this Office for the same time, was signed.

Mr. Winder, Mr. Norton and another Barbary merchant attending, their lordships communicated to them the treaty lately concluded with the Emperor of Morocco [*fo.* 328], mention'd in the minutes of the 1st instant; whereupon they said that they were very well satisfy'd therewith, provided it be sign'd and ratify'd by the Emperor. In relation to the appointing of a consul in Barbary, they said it wou'd be of no advantage to them, for that the Moors would have no regard for such consuls, and therefore they did not think it would be worth their while to pay such an officer. Besides that the trade wou'd not bear it. Then their lordships gave those gentlemen a copy of the said treaty for their observations thereupon.

Trade.

*Letter from Mr.
Ury, excusing the
South Sea Company
attending.*

A letter from Mr. Ury, secretary to the South Sea Company, signifying that none of that Company could attend the Board this day, as had been desired the first instant [*fo.* 328], was read.

Trade.

State of the fishery.

November 9. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Vernon.

Their lordships agreed to take into consideration, on Tuesday morning next, the state of the fishery of this kingdom [*fo.* 241].

November 10. Present:—Lord Guilford, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore, Mr. Vernon.

Letter from the Lord Viscount Townshend, of the 8th instant, with an extract of one from Mr. Caleb Heathcote, of New York [*fo.* 398], relating to the production of naval stores in that province, was read; whereupon ordered that all the papers which are in this office relating to naval stores be look'd out.

New York.

*Naval stores.
Letter from Lord
Townshend.*

November 11. Present :—Lord Guilford, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Moore.

A letter to the Lord Viscount Townshend [*fo.* 327], in answer to one from him of the 28th* of the last month, in relation to the tariffs in the Spanish Netherlands, and inclosing the copy of a letter from Monsieur Ponchartrain to Monsieur D'Iberville, of the 17th October, 1714, and of a declaration of the French King's, referred to in it, mention'd in the minutes of the 1st instant, was sign'd.

November 16. Present :—Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Vernon.

Letter from the Lord Viscount Townshend, of the 10th instant, desiring the Board to prepare a commission and instructions for Robert Lowther, esquire, to be Governor of Barbadoes [*fo.* 408], was read; and the said commission having been prepared, a letter was immediately sign'd, inclosing the same to his lordship.

Letter from the Lord Viscount Townshend, of the 15th instant [*fo.* 346], with a copy of one from Monsieur de Ponchartrain to Monsieur D'Iberville, relating to the French inhabitants at Nova Scotia, was read; and thereupon order'd that Colonel Vetch [*fo.* 336] have notice to attend the Board on Thursday morning next.

Letter from the Lord Viscount Townshend, of the 15th instant, with a copy of one from Monsieur de Ponchartrain to Monsieur D'Iberville, relating to the hostages and capitulation of Nevis, was read; and thereupon ordered that General Hamilton have likewise notice to attend the Board on Thursday morning next.

November 19. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Vernon.

A representation of the Barbary merchants, containing their observations on a treaty concluded by Captain Paddon with the Emperor of Morocco [*fo.* 328], was read; and a letter to my Lord Viscount Townshend, in answer to his of the 28th of the last month, in relation thereto, was immediately drawn up and signed.

November 23. Present :—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Vernon.

Colonel Vetch, Mr. Cumings and Mr. Smith attending [*fo.* 334, 338], their lordships communicated to them the copy of a letter from Monsieur de Ponchartrain to Monsieur D'Iberville, relating to the removing the inhabitants from Nova Scotia to Cape Briton (mention'd in the minutes of the 16th instant); whereupon Colonel Vetch said that the settlement of Cape Briton is encouraged by the French King as much as possible; that he has given the people that will settle there 18 months' provisions and salt gratis, and has lent them some ships and sloops for carrying on the fishery at his own charge; that they have begun to build two fortifications, in the first of which there are four companys of regular troops, in the other three; that when two French officers

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Trade.

Letter to Lord Viscount Townshend in answer to one from him about Flanders tariffs, to a letter &c. against trading to the South Sea.

Barbadoes.

Letter from Lord Townshend. Commission and instructions for Mr. Lowther.

Newfoundland. Nova Scotia.

Letter from Lord Townshend &c. about the French inhabitants there. Colonel Vetch summon'd.

Nevis.

Letter from Lord Townshend with one about hostages and capitulation at Nevis. General Hamilton summon'd.

Trade.

Barbary merchants' representation on the Morocco treaty. Letter to Lord Viscount Townshend thereupon.

Newfoundland. Nova Scotia.

Colonel Vetch &c. thoughts on inhabitants removing from Nova Scotia to Cape Briton. Pontchartrain. D'Iberville.

* Altered in the margin to "the 8th."

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were sent to Nova Scotia, they assembled the inhabitants there, and proposed to them to remove with their effects to Cape Briton, and threatn'd them that, in case they did not, the King would look upon them as rebels, and they should be treated accordingly. Whereupon all but one family signed an instrument promising to go thither; that there are about 500 families in Nova Scotia, computed at five persons to a family; that those inhabitants, by having lived many years there, and by their inter-marriages with the Indians, and being accustomed to their way of living, are of greater consequence to the French, if settled at Cape Britton, than any people can be, that are sent from Europe; that there are no English at Nova Scotia, but what belongs to the garrison.

Mr. Cumings then said that he was lately come from Placentia; that upon the surrender of that place there were about 150 families, but that they had been obliged (upon the same threats as above-mentioned at Nova Scotia) to go to Cape Britton, so that there now remains about 15 or 16 families there; that there were three or four companies of foot at Placentia, which were sent to Cape Britton, as were likewise others from Quebec.

Newfoundland.
Nova Scotia.
*Queries deliver'd
for their answer.*

After some further discourse with those gentlemen upon this subject [fo. 336, 347], their lordships agreed upon several queries, and delivered the same to them for their particular answers in writing, and desired them to add whatever else might occur to them in relation thereto.

The said queries are as follows:—

How many French families are there in Nova Scotia?

How many will remove to Cape Britton?

How many French families are there on Cape Britton? How are they settled, and what encouragement does the French King give them?

What is the consequence of the French removing from Nova Scotia or Newfoundland to Cape Britton?

What fortifications are there at Cape Britton, and how many regular troops?

What number of French is there on Newfoundland, and how many families will remain?

When did the French families desire to remove from Nova Scotia or Newfoundland, and when did they begin to do it, and to convey away their moveable effects?

What quantity of cattle will they carry away, if they have leave? and what will be the consequence thereof?

What will be the consequence of permitting the French at Nova Scotia and Newfoundland to sell their lands, houses, beaches, stages, &c.?

What quantity of fish did the French take at Cape Britton, and parts adjacent, this year?

November 25. Present:—Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr. Monckton, Mr. Vernon.

Nevis.
Mr. Baker.
Debentures delivered.

Mr. Baker attending, and the powers of attorney from two of the sufferers of Nevis to the said Mr. Baker being examin'd at the Board, the two debentures number'd 310 and 502 were deliver'd to him.

Mr. Carpenter likewise attending, and the powers of attorney from two of the sufferers of St. Christopher's and Nevis being examin'd at the Board, the two debentures number'd 389 and 455 were delivered to him.

December 20. Present:—Lord President, Earl of Halifax, Lord Viscount Townshend, Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

His Majesty's commission, dated the 13th instant, was open'd and read, whereby (besides the great officers of State as in the last commission for this Board), the Right Honourable the Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Sir Jacob Astley, knight and baronet, Robert Molesworth, John Cokburne, Archibald Hutcheson, John Chetwynd, Charles Cooke, and Paul Docminique, esquires, are appointed commissioners for promoting the trade of this kingdom, and for inspecting and improving his Majesty's plantations in America and elsewhere, and the lords and gentlemen first abovemention'd to be present took their places at the Board accordingly.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Townshend, dated the 16th instant, signifying his Majesty's having appointed William Popple, esquire, to be secretary to this Board, was read; and Mr. Popple accordingly admitted as their lordships' secretary, pursuant to his Majesty's royal pleasure therein.

Then their lordships, taking into consideration the state of this office, ordered that Mr. Bryan Wheelock [*fo.* 363] be their deputy secretary or chief clerk in the room of, and upon the same foot as, Mr. Adrian Drift was, and that the rest of the present clerks have salaries according to their respective precedencies, vizt.:

						<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Maurice Carrol, to have the salary of	..	..	..	..	..	80	0	0
Justinian Loggan	..	..	..	..	..	70	0	0
Samuel Gellibrand	..	..	..	..	..	60	0	0
Israel Hudson	..	..	..	..	..	50	0	0
Anthony Sanderson	..	..	..	..	..	50	0	0
William Gray	..	..	..	..	..	40	0	0

Further order'd that Maurice Carrol, a clerk in this office, in consideration of his age and infirmities, have leave to retire, and that he be allowed 30*l.* per annum, to be paid him quarterly out of the salary of 80*l.* per annum belonging to his place by the present regulation.

Then the Lord Berkeley was pleased to recomend Mr. William Hoskins to officiate as a clerk in this office, instead of Mr. Carrol, which was approved of by the Board.

And in relation to the chamber keepers, messengers and necessary woman, their lordships were pleased they should continue on the foot they were.

Order'd that no copies be given of any papers in this office without leave of the Board.

Order'd that the clerks in this office do attend their duty here, from 8 a clock in the morning till the rising of the Board, and from three in the afternoon till six at least.

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*Mr. Carpenter.
Debentures deliver'd.*

*Miscellanies.
New commission.*

*Letter from Lord
Townshend.*

Mr. Popple, secretary.

Under officers settled.

*Lord Berkeley
recomends Mr.
Hoskins.*

*Orders about copies
of papers.*

Clerks' attendance.

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Custody of books and papers.

Order'd that no clerk do keep any of the office papers or books in his desk at night, but that they bring them to the secretary to be lock'd up.

Demanding money.

Ordered that no clerk presume to demand any money of any person for any business done in the office.

Minutes to be read and sign'd.

Resolv'd that if any clerk transgress any of these orders, he shall lose his place in the office.

Order'd that the minutes of the proceedings of this Board at each meeting be first read at the next meeting, and sign'd by the first Commissioner that shall be present at the reading thereof, and who was likewise present when the business therein mention'd was transacted, before the said minutes be enter'd in the journal.

Trade.*Spain.**Letters to Mr.**Haynes and Mr.**Bowles.**Spanish tarif.**Factors' agreements.*

Their lordships, taking into consideration some matters relating to the trade to Spain, ordered that letters be writ to Mr. Haynes and Mr. Bowles [*fo.* 302], desiring them to communicate to their lordships the tarif or book of rates of the duties payable in Spain upon British goods and manufactures, as also an account of the agreements or adjustments made between the British factors and the customers in Spain, relating to the payment of the said duties in the years 1680, 1682 and 1683, and, in case they shou'd not have the said tarif and accounts, that they be desired to procure them of other Spanish merchants.

Berkeley.

December 21. Present:—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburn, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Dockminique.

Trade.*Letter to Mr. Haynes and Mr. Bowles. Duties in Spain.*

The draught of a letter to Mr. Haynes and Mr. Bowles [*fo.* 344, 346], relating to the Spanish tarif, and accounts of agreements made for duties by British factors in Spain, was agreed, and the letters ordered to be sent accordingly.

*Letter from Mr. Loggan. Ostend.**Imposition on British ships.*

A letter from Mr. Loggan, his Majesty's Consul at Ostend, dated the 17th instant, new style, signifying that the magistrates and burghers there have form'd and sign'd a scheme for laying an imposition of four stivers per tun on all British and Irish shipping which trade to that port, for rebuilding a church and steeple there, was read; and their lordships gave directions for preparing the draught of a letter to the Lord Viscount Townshend thereupon [*fo.* 346].

*Letter to Lord Townshend.***Trade.***Spanish trade consider'd.*

Then their lordships took again into consideration the state of our trade with Spain [*fo.* 345], and made a further progress therein.

Berkeley.

December 22. Present:—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Trade.*Ostend.**Letter to Lord Townshend.***Newfoundland.****Nova Scotia.***Letter from Lord Townshend about French inhabitants.*

A letter to the Lord Viscount Townshend, relating to a new imposition laid on British and Irish shipping at Ostend [*fo.* 345], as directed at the last meeting, was signed.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Townshend, of the 15th (mention'd in the minutes of the 16th) November last [*fo.* 334], with a copy of one

from Monsieur de Pontchartrain to Monsieur D'Iberville, relating to the French inhabitants of Nova Scotia, was again read; as also a copy of her late Majesty's letter to Colonel Nicholson, of the 23rd of June, 1713, directing him to allow the French at Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, that are willing to remain there, to retain and enjoy their lands and tenements, or to sell the same if they shall chuse to remove elsewhere. And Colonel Vetch [*fo.* 338] attending at the same time, presented to their lordships his answer to several queries that had been made to him by the late Board, upon the foresaid letter from Monsieur de Pontchartrain, which was read; and being asked whether if leave be deny'd the French to carry off their effects, they not having demanded to do it in the time limited by the treaty, they might not be inclined to remain there, he said he did not doubt but they wou'd, for that he beleiv'd if they had not been threatn'd by the French officers to be treated as rebels, if they did not remove, none of them wou'd have quitted their settlements. Being then asked how he knew they were so threatn'd, he said he knew it from one Mr. Fergusson, lately come from thence. Whereupon he was desir'd to bring the said Fergusson to the Board to-morrow morning. He added that he had heard the same threats had been used at Newfoundland.

Then he presented to their lordships another memorial, containing an account of the extent and soil of Nova Scotia [*fo.* 281, 362], and of the advantages that might accrue to this kingdom by the fish and naval stores that may be procur'd there, with some reasons and proposals for settling that coast and country with all imaginable dispatch; which was also read, and, after some discourse with him upon that matter, their lordships agreed to take the same into further consideration at the first opportunity.

Mr. William Heysham attending, presented to their lordships a letter from the Lord Viscount Townshend, of the 9th instant, signifying that Thomas Maycock, Guy Ball and John Colleton had been thought proper persons to be inserted in Mr. Lowther's instructions as councillors of Barbadoes [*fo.* 358], in the room of William Sharpe, Alexander Walker, and Samuel Beresford, if the Board have no objection against them, which was read; and Mr. Heysham being ask'd the character of the abovesaid three gentlemen recommended, he said that they all had good estates and were well qualify'd to serve in that station.

Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, who attended the Board some time afterwards, said the same, and their lordships agreed to consider thereof at a convenient opportunity, and in the meantime ordered that the papers in this office relating to caveats against any of the said persons be look'd out, and particularly that Sir John Colleton be heard if he desire it.

Berkeley.

December 23. Present:—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Sir William Lewin attending, presented to the Board a petition from William Cleeves of Pool [*fo.* 448], against Captain Taverner, Surveyor of Newfoundland, as also a scheme of the fishery this year

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*Monsieur Pontchartrain.
D'Iberville. Queen's
letter.*

*Colonel Vetch.
His answer to queries.*

*Nova Scotia.
Colonel Vetch's
memorial with account
of that place.
Advantages to be
drawn thence.
Fish.
Naval stores.
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settlement &c.*

*Barbadoes.
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*Letter from Lord
Townshend.
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tions.*

*Mr. Methuen.
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Scheme of Customs
paid at Cadiz.*

*Mr. Methuen desired
to be present.*

*Mr. Rudge.
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at St. Peter's, which their lordships promised to take into consideration the first opportunity.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Townshend, dated yesterday, referring to the Board a draught of instructions for Mr. Methuen [fo. 351, 360], who is to go his Majesty's Ambassador to the Court of Madrid, relating to the commerce and trade of his Majesty's subjects in those parts, was read, together with the said draught of instructions, as also a scheme of the computations of the Customs on English goods in Cadiz, from the year 1670 to 1680, and from 1680 to 1686, as also from 1686 to 1702. Whereupon their lordships made a progress in the consideration of the said instructions, and ordered that Mr. Methuen be acquainted with the Board's desire of conferring with him to-morrow upon this subject.

Mr. Rudge attending [fo. 358], presented to their lordships a memorial relating to the trade to Alicant, which their lordships promised to consider at the first opportunity.

Berkeley.

December 24. Present :—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Trade.
*Letter to Mr. Vernon.
Spanish licence.*

Ordered that the secretary write to Mr. Vernon, late member of this Board, to desire him to return as soon as possible the Spanish licence [fo. 293], which was lent their lordships by Sir Joseph Hodges.

*Mr. Cooke.
Customs and other
duties at Cadiz.*

Mr. Cooke communicated to the Board an account of the Customs and other duties imposed on British woollen manufactures at Cadiz, which was read.

Mr. Methuen present.

Mr. Methuen [fo. 350, 360], who is to go his Majesty's Ambassador to Spain, then coming to the Board, according to appointment, their lordships had some discourse with him in relation to the British trade to that kingdom, and agreed upon several queries, which, with the account of Customs abovemention'd, were ordered to be sent to Sir James Dolliffe, Mr. Christopher Haynes, Mr. Edward Rudge and Mr. John Stafford, for their opinion thereupon in writing on Thursday next, the said queries being as follows, vizt. :

*Queries to Spanish
merchants.*

Some queries for the Spanish merchants' consideration.

1st. Can the trade to Spain be carry'd on to the advantage of Great Britain on the foot of the Treaty of Commerce concluded at Utrecht in November, 1713, and the explanation made of the 3rd, 5th and 8th articles thereof by her late Majesty, on the ratification of the same in February, 1713?

2nd. If the King of Spain shou'd be willing to agree that the only duty of 10 *per cent. ad valorem* should include all duties whatsoever, as well those belonging to the Crown as to particular cities and private persons by alienations from the Crown or otherwise, and that the said 10 *per cent.* shou'd be the first duty in all parts of Spain on all goods whatsoever exported and imported, whether this wou'd be more to the ease and advantage of the British merchants, than to establish the trade with Spain on the very same foot in all respects as it was in the time of King Charles the Second?

- And admitting the 10 *per cent.* in manner aforesaid to be less to the advantage of Britain than the other way, yet, whether it might not, however, even on that foot be carry'd on to the advantage of Britain?
- 3rd. To how much *per cent. ad valorem* did all the duties payable by the English merchants on the importation and first sale of their goods amount to in the time of King Charles the Second, after deduction of the *gratias* allow'd by the King and the farmers? And were the said allowances arbitrary and at pleasure, or determin'd and fixt and always the same, or very near the same? The answer to this is desir'd as to the port of Cadiz and St. Mary's in particular, and also as to the ports in the other parts of Spain where the duties were less.
- 4th. If the King of Spain shall agree to put the trade as it was in King Charles the Second's time, which wou'd be most to the ease and advantage of the British merchants to stipulate for this in general terms, or, if it can be obtain'd, to agree that the *gratias* of the King and farmers in the respective ports of Spain shall be fix'd as the same were in some particular year to be agreed on in the reign of King Charles the Second, or to fix the same at a certain and what determined proportion on the several species of goods in the several ports of Spain?
- 5th. Whether in the last mention'd case, or on a settlement of the trade on the foot of the only duty of 10 *per cent.*, it will be more to the advantage of the British merchants to have a new book of rates settled in the manner prescribed by the 3rd article of the Utrecht Treaty? Or to let the same remain as it is in the old book of rates?
- 6th. Whether high duties on the exports from Spain (except as to their wooll and cochineal, which are absolutely necessary for us) be any real detriment to the trade of Britain, or only a prejudice to the Spaniards themselves? And whether any abatements on their exports can be an equivalent to the trade of Britain for increasing their duties on our imports to them?
- 7th. What quantity of wooll, and of what kinds, is brought from Spain to Britain one year with another? And how much and what kinds are sent to France? And what is the difference between the duties paid by our merchants on the exportation thereof by sea, and the duties paid by the French at the dry ports on transporting it by land?
- 8th. What was the usage in the time of King Charles the Second in the payment of the *alcavalos* and *cientos*? Whether the same were paid on the importation, together with the other duties or customs, or only on the sale of the same in the same manner as the duty of *millones* was paid?
- 9th. Whether the privileges of judges *conservadores*, as we formerly enjoy'd the same, be not absolutely necessary for the ease and protection of our merchants in our *trafique* in Spain?

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10th. After perusal of the representation of the factory at Cadiz, formerly sent to this Board, and a thorough consideration had amongst yourselves, be pleased to give your answers to the foregoing queries, and also to remark such other particulars as you find prejudicial to the trade with Spain, in consequence of the late Utrecht Treaty or otherwise, together with your sentiments for the redress of the same, and such motives as you apprehend will be most likely to prevail with the Court of Spain to agree thereto.

11th. Admitting that all the said grievances shou'd be redress'd, and the trade to old Spain settled on such reasonable foot as is desired, yet whether the same wou'd be beneficial to Britain, and also a sufficient encouragement to our merchants to engage therein, unless the trade from France to the Spanish West Indies, directly and indirectly, can be effectually prevented, as is stipulated in the most express terms, as well between Britain and France, as between Britain and Spain?

12th. Did the Spaniards before the last war use any navigation directly to the South Seas with any merchandizes, or licence others so to do? Or did they only transport their goods to their northern ports by sea, and from thence by land to Panama &c.? Or have the Spaniards, either during the late war or since, carry'd on any trade for themselves, directly for the South Seas? Or have only licenc'd French ships or colour'd them in Spanish names so to do?

13th. Whether it be more for the advantage of old Spain to carry on their trade as formerly to their northern ports in the West Indies? Or to carry their goods directly to their ports in the South Sea? And please to mention your reasons for your opinion in this particular.

14th. Whether Britain will not have the same benefit they formerly had, or at least whether they will not have it in the same proportions with other foreign nations, as they formerly had it, in whatever manner the Spaniards shall think fit to carry on their trade to the West Indies, so as all foreign nations be equally and impartially excluded, and the Spaniards themselves be the sole carriers as well to their southern as their northern ports?

To your answer to these queries be pleased to add what you further judge material to be consider'd of on this important subject.

Trade.
Mr. Rudge's memorial.
Alicant.

The memorial from Mr. Rudge [fo. 350], mention'd in yesterday's minutes, relating to the state of the trade at Alicant, being read, Mr. Cooke was desir'd to take the same, and to desire an explanation of some parts thereof by Mr. Rudge.

Berkeley.

December 29. Present :—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Barbadoes.
Instructions for Mr.
Lowther.

Their lordships, taking into consideration the draught of instructions for Mr. Lowther, his Majesty's Governor of Barbadoes,

and the names of persons to be inserted therein as members of the Council of that island [*fo.* 348, 372], ordered that, pursuant to the direction of this Board, mentioned in the minutes of the 22nd instant, a letter be writ to Sir John Colleton, desiring him to attend their lordships on Wednesday morning next with his objections in writing, if he now have any to make against John Colleton, esquire, his being named in the said instructions as one of his Majesty's said Council, for which trust he has been recommended.

Further order'd that Mr. Rowland Tryon, Mr. Robert Chester, Mr. Robert Heysham, Thomas Hodges, esquire, Mr. . . . Walters, Colonel Cleland, and Mr. Salter [*fo.* 372], be acquainted that their lordships desire to speak with them on Wednesday morning next.

Then the letters from the Lord Viscount Townshend, of the 14th instant, requiring commissions and instructions to be prepar'd for the Earl of Orkney and the Lord Archibald Hamilton [*fo.* 450, 453], the former to be his Majesty's Governor of Virginia, and the latter of Jamaica, being taken again into consideration, and the draughts of commissions being accordingly prepar'd and laid before the Board, two letters were sign'd by their lordships for transmitting the same to the Lord Viscount Townshend.

Berkeley.

December 30. Present :—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

A letter from Sir James Dolliffe, dated yesterday, desiring longer time to answer the queries sent to him and other Spanish merchants the 24th instant [*fo.* 351, 375], was read; and another letter immediately writ to Sir James, to press for the answer of the said merchants with all possible expedition.

Then a letter to the Lord Viscount Townshend, acquainting his lordship with the steps the Board have taken towards a report upon his letter of the 22nd instant [*fo.* 350, 384], relating to instructions for Mr. Methuen, appointed his Majesty's Ambassador to Spain, was signed.

Mr. Christopher Haynes attending, presented to their lordships a Spanish written book of rates at the port of Cadiz for the year 1699, entituled *Aforos de esta Real Aduana de Cadiz Hecho el anno de 1699*.

A letter from Mr. Lowndes [*fo.* 381], dated the 28th instant, desiring the Board to lay before the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury an authentick list of the debentures made out for several persons towards repairing the losses sustained by the French invasion of Nevis and St. Christopher's, in order to the payment of three years' interest granted by Parliament thereupon, was read, and directions given for preparing the said list accordingly.

An Order of Council, of the 6th instant, referring to the Board a petition from Daniel Hall, William Armstrong and others [*fo.* 195, 362], disbanded officers and soldiers, relating to a settlement to be made upon an uninhabited tract of land in North America, between the rivers Sagadehoc and St. Croix, was read, and Mr. Hall, with

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Councillors.

Letter to Sir John Colleton.

Merchants summon'd.

Virginia.

Jamaica.

Letters from Lord Townshend.

Commissions for Governors.

Letters to Lord Townshend.

Trade.

Letter from Sir James Dolliffe.

Queries.

Spanish merchants.

Letter to him.

Letter to Lord Townshend about instructions for Mr. Methuen.

Spanish book of rates.

Leeward Islands.

Letter from Mr.

Lowndes for authentick list of debentures.

List to be prepar'd.

New England.

Nova Scotia.

Order of Council.

Petition of disbanded officers and soldiers about a settlement.

Hall and others present.

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Lieutenants Armstrong, Evans and Norbone attending, they were asked what knowledge they had of the lands they proposed to settle, to which they answer'd that they had only information from gentlemen and others acquainted with those parts, and that Mr. Byfeild, who is lately come from New England, and Mr. Dummer, agent for the Massachusetts Bay, were able to give their lordships an account thereof. Whereupon they were advised to desire those gentlemen to attend the Board in relation to this affair.

*Colonel Vetch's
opinion.*

Then Colonel Vetch attending, their lordships communicated to him the abovemention'd petition of the soldiers [fo. 361, 348, 396], and ask'd his opinion of their intended settlement in New England, between Sagadehoc and St. Croix. Whereupon he said that it wou'd undoubtedly be of advantage, the country being capable of producing all sorts of naval stores, but that he thought, if they were settled in Nova Scotia, it would be much more beneficial for this kingdom, that country being not only in all respects as good for the production of naval stores (if not better), but also infinitely preferable for the fishery on that coast from Cape Sables to Cape Breton; besides that settlements there, as proposed in his memorial, read the 22nd of the last month [fo. 348], would be the only means to frustrate the advantages that will accrue to France by their settling and fortifying Cape Briton; he added that there is no fishery, or, if any, very inconsiderable, on the coast between St. Croix and Sagadehoc.

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January 3, 1714⁵. Present:—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue.

*Nova Scotia.
Colonel Vetch.
His case referr'd by
Lord Townshend.*

*Proof and explanation
of articles.*

Colonel Vetch attending, a letter from my Lord Townshend of the 20th of the last month [Nova Scotia, Entry A, 113], referring to the Board the case of the said Colonel Vetch [fo. 392], for their lordships' report thereupon [Entry A, 115], was read; and in proof of the 1st article of the said case, wherein it is alledged that the said Vetch had form'd the scheme for the reduction of Canada, he produced to their lordships her late Majesty's instructions to him of the 28th February, 1708 [Nova Scotia, Entry A, 126], part of which were read.

As to the 2nd article, which relates to what he did in pursuance of the said instructions, he said that was known in all the offices here, by the returns from the several Governors on the Continent of America.

As to the reduction of Port Royal, now Annapolis Royal, mention'd in the 3rd article, he said that was a fact which needed no proof. And as to his sending letters and representations to the late ministry, during the time of his government there, and to his having receiv'd no orders thereupon, he said he doubted not but the original letters and representations were in the Secretarie's office, and in the War Office, most or all of them having been deliver'd by Mr. James Douglas, his agent here. However, he had the copies of them enter'd in a book which he promised to lay before their lordships, upon which he was directed to bring the said

Mr. Douglas to their lordships to-morrow morning [fo. 367], as also Mr. Boreland, mention'd by him as a person privy to, and concern'd in, several allegations in the remaining part of the said memorial. And further order'd that letters be writ to Mr. Pringle (under secretary to Mr. Stanhope) and to the War Office, to desire copies of such letters as are there from the said Colonel Vetch, between October, 1710, and October, 1713, with an account of what has been done thereupon.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Townshend, of the 28th of the last month, referring to the Board the petition of Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, relating to his appointing his own secretary [fo. 371, 374], for the said government, and to the allowances to be made for that employ, was read; and Mr. Lowther attending, acquainted their lordships that he had in his custody several papers under the seal of that island, to prove several of the allegations in his said petition. Whereupon he was desir'd to bring the said papers to the Board to-morrow morning.

Order'd that a letter be writ to Mr. Martyn, Inspector General of his Majesty's Customs [fo. 366], to acquaint him with the Board's desire of speaking with him to-morrow morning.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Vernon to repeat their lordships' desire, signify'd to him by the secretary the 24th of the last month, that he wou'd please to send them as soon as possible the Spanish licence in his hands, which was lent the Board by Sir Joseph Hodges.

Order'd that a letter be writ to Mr. Moore to desire he will return to the Board as soon as possible the following papers which are in his hands, vizt.:

A letter to Mr. Lowndes, of 29th March, 1711, and the report of the 15th February, 170⁹/₁₀, relating to the tobacco trade by the Isle of Man.

A letter from Mr. Archibald Cumminge, dated the 11th December, 1713.

A letter from Colonel Vetch, dated the 12th December, 1713.
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January 4. Present:—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Mr. Martyn, Inspector General of the Customs, attending [fo. 365, 409], as order'd yesterday, their lordships acquainted him with their desire that he wou'd give them an account of our imports and exports to all parts of the world we trade to, for ten years last past, but particularly for the year 1714, which he promised to do accordingly; but said it wou'd be a work of time, because the accounts from the out ports are not made up till Lady Day. Besides which, Dr. Davenant having put no valuation of goods in his books for the time past, it wou'd be very difficult for him to make the said account compleat; and therefore he said he wou'd leave blanks in the account which might be filled up hereafter. In the mean time he promised to send their lordships within four or five days an account of the Spanish trade.

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*Letters to Mr.
Pringle and Mr.
Pulteney about Colonel
Vetch's letters.*

Barbadoes.
*Letter from Lord
Townshend.
Mr. Lowther's peti-
tion about appointing
his own secretary.
Papers under the
seal.*

Trade.
*Inspector General
summond.
Letter to Mr. Vernon
about Spanish licence.*

Miscellanies.
*Letter to Mr. Moore
for papers.*

Trade.
*Mr. Martin,
Inspector General of
Customs.
Imports and exports
for ten years, par-
ticularly 1714.*

*Account of Spanish
trade.*

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Nova Scotia.
Colonel Vetch.
Mr. Douglas.
Mr. Boreland.

Colonel Vetch's case.

*Copies of two of
Colonel Vetch's letters
to the ministry.
Thirteen other papers.*

*Mr. Douglas to give
account of his appli-
cations for Colonel
Vetch.*

*Mr. Boreland's
answers about Nova
Scotia.
Lands for disbanded
soldiers.
Cloathing sent with
General Nicholson.*

Colonel Vetch, Mr. Douglas, and Mr. Boreland attending [fo. 364], as directed yesterday, and being asked several questions in relation to Colonel Vetch's case, mention'd in yesterday's minutes, they answer'd in substance as follows, vizt. :

Mr. Douglas said that by every ship that came from New England during Colonel Vetch's stay in Nova Scotia, he received letters from him, with letters inclosed for the late Lord Treasurer and Secretary of State (whereof he kept copies), most of which letters he deliver'd with his own hand, and some by Mr. Lewis, under secretary to the Earl of Dartmouth; but that he did receive no answers to any of the said letters; that upon his speaking to Mr. Auditor Harley upon that subject, he told him the Lord Treasurer had received no such letters, though Mr. Douglas acquainted him he had deliver'd them himself, as aforesaid; that upon his receiving part of some of the bills drawn by Colonel Vetch at Mr. How's office, Mr. Merrill shew'd him two of the said original letters, the one of the 8th August, 1712, to the then Lord Treasurer, the other of the 12th of the same month to the Lord Dartmouth, copies of which he now delivered in to their lordships, as also thirteen other papers containing copies of several other letters to the Lord Treasurer, Secretaries of State, Board of Ordnance, &c., and Colonel Vetch's journal of the expedition to Canada. Mr. Douglas added that at last he had found such difficulties in delivering of letters, that he got Colonel Nicholson to deliver one to the Lord Treasurer, who upon opening of it, and seeing Colonel Vetch's name, put it in his pocket without reading [it]; that he had been forced to leave some letters in the Treasury Office, finding none there that wou'd receive them; that after he had delivered to the Lord Treasurer one letter from Colonel Vetch, in which was his journal of the Canada expedition, he found that the Lord Treasurer would never hear of anything more from Colonel Vetch.

Then Mr. Douglas was desired to give their lordships an account in writing of the several times when he had apply'd for money in behalf of Colonel Vetch and the garrison at Annapolis, and of what sums he had received, and for what uses, which he promised to do accordingly.

Mr. Boreland being then asked several questions in relation to Nova Scotia, the lands petition'd for by the disbanded soldiers, and to the cloathing sent over with Colonel Nicholson, he said, as to the cloaths, they were the worst that ever were seen in that country, being without lining, and made of what is call'd half-thicks, which might be fit for the West Indies, but not for their climate; that those which were not disposed of to the garrisons at New York, Annapolis and Placentia, were sold by publick sale in New England for eighteen shillings the coat and breeches, their money, which is about thirteen shillings sterling; that the garrison at Annapolis receiv'd no cloathing all the time they were there, till those Colonel Nicholson carry'd over, which was in November last was twelve months; that when Colonel Nicholson arrived

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in New England, and he, the said Boreland, acquainted him with the hardships the said garrison had suffer'd, and that it (as well as Nova Scotia) would have been lost, had he not furnish'd money for their support, Colonel Nicholson answer'd that it would have been better if it had been so; that in relation to the lands between Sagadehoc and St. Croix, several parcels of them had been patented out, and when he came away from New England, they were about settling the same; that the fishery on that coast is very considerable, the best places not continuing above two months in a year; that the New England people never fish there, but on the coast of Nova Scotia, where they can fish all the year long.

Mr. Lowther attending, presented to their lordships several papers under the seal of the island of Barbadoes, relating to the dispute between him and Mr. Skene [fo. 365], which their lordships agreed to take into consideration the first opportunity.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Townshend, dated the 20th of December last, referring to the Board the extract of a letter from his Majesty's minister at Lisbon, relating to a Treaty of Commerce with Portugal [fo. 220, 439], was read. Whereupon order'd that the several papers in this office relating to the trade between Great Britain and Portugal be look'd out, to be laid before the Board.

Berkeley.

January 5. Present:—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Their lordships, taking into consideration the Lord Townshend's letter of the 9th of the last month [fo. 358], relating to the characters of Mr. John Colleton, Mr. Thomas Maycock and Mr. Guy Ball, recommended to be of the Council of Barbadoes, and Mr. Robert Heysham, Mr. Hodges, late Attorney General there, Colonel Cleland, Mr. Tryon, Mr. Salter, one of the Council of the island, and Mr. Robert Chester attending [fo. 359], as they had been desired the 29th of the last month, and being separately ask'd the characters of the aforesaid three gentlemen, their answers were as follows:—

Barbadoes.

*Mr. Lowther.
Papers about his
dispute with Mr.
Skene, secretary of
the island.*

Trade.

*Letter from Lord
Townshend with
extract of one from
Lisbon.
Treaty of Commerce.
Portugal.*

Barbadoes.

*Merchants about
characters of persons
to be of the Council.*

Mr. Colleton.

He has a very good estate, none there has a better interest, well qualify'd for a councillor. The suit depending against him no objection.

Mr. Heysham.

Mr. Maycock.

He has a good estate and has been Speaker of the Assembly.

Mr. Ball.

He has a very good estate and is fit to be of the Council.

He has a good estate, and is a man of sense. The suit between him and Sir John Colleton here has been depending about 13 years.

Mr. Hodges.

He has been Judge and Treasurer of the island. He does not know whether his accounts are past. If they are not, his being, of the Council may have an influence in the doing thereof.

He has a good estate.

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Colonel Cleland.

Mr. Colleton.

He has a good estate, was educated at Oxford and is otherways well qualifyd.

Mr. Maycock.

He is a man of experience and estate. There were some complaints against him for his proceedings whilst Treasurer. But he thinks he has pass'd his accounts.

Mr. Ball.

Colonel Cleland had nothing to say to him.

Mr. Tryon.

He has a good estate and good character. As to the suit depending against him it might have been determin'd if Sir John Colleton would have come to any agreement.

He has a good estate.

Mr. Tryon had nothing to say of him.

Mr. Salter.

He has a good estate, has had good education, and is a worthy, ingenuous man. If the suit against him were an objection few of the Council wou'd be qualify'd to sit there.

He has a good estate, and has made up his accounts. There were complaints against him.

Mr. Salter is not acquainted with him, but has heard he has a good estate.

Mr. Chester.

Gave the same character of Mr. Colleton as Mr. Salter did.

He only knew him when here. There is a dispute depending between him and the Collector of the Customs at Barbadoes.

He has a good estate.

Barbadoes.

Persons recommended by Mr. Salter and Chester.

Mr. Salter recommended to their lordships, Reyner Allen, Colonel Pierce, Abel Allen and Colonel Rouse, as persons fit to be of the Council, and Mr. Chester recommended the forementioned two Allens.

Mr. Mills of the Council in debt.

Then their lordships inquiring the character of Mr. Mills, one of the Council, Mr. Hodges said that he was in debt, and had always three or four suits depending; that if he had not been of the Council, he cou'd not have held out so long. Mr. Salter said that Mr. Mills was very much in debt, and had sat at the Council Board, when there were special writs out against him, and Mr. Chester said that he was his correspondent, and he thought him an honest man.

*Mr. Tryon for Mr. Skene.
Mr. Lowther.
His petition about appointing his secretary.
Hearing appointed.*

After these gentlemen were withdrawn, Mr. Tryon was called in again, and their lordships communicated to him Mr. Lowther's petition [*fo. 365*], mentioned in the minutes of the 3rd instant, relating to the appointing his own secretary and to the allowances for that imployment. And Mr. Lowther attending at the same time, they both agreed to be heard by Council, and their lordships appointed Wednesday next for that purpose [*fo. 376*], and desir'd both sides to confine themselves to the matters abovemention'd, and ordered that in case Mr. Tryon have not all the papers necessary for Mr. Skene's defence, he may have copies of such of those deliver'd by Mr. Lowther as he shall think necessary.

*Trade.
Letter to Sir James Dolliffe.
Queries.
Spanish merchants.*

Ordered that a letter be writ to Sir James Dolliffe, to acquaint him and the other Spanish merchants with the Board's adjournment to Fryday morning next [*fo. 360, v. infra*], at which time

their lordships desire what they have to offer upon the queries sent them the 24th of the last month.

Berkeley.

January 7. Present :—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

A letter from Sir James Dolliffe, of the 7th instant, signifying that the Spanish merchants have apply'd themselves with all possible endeavours to finish their answer to the queries relating to the Spanish trade [*v. supra*, 379], but that their doing it is necessarily retarded till Monday next, was read. Whereupon ordered that Sir James be acquainted with their lordships' desire, that the merchants' said answer be not deferr'd longer than that time.

Mr. Weston, solicitor for Mr. Tryon, in behalf of Mr. Skene, secretary of Barbadoes, attending, and praying that the hearing appointed for Wednesday next upon the petition of Mr. Lowther, Governor of that island, mention'd in the minutes of the 5th instant [*fo.* 374, 396], may be put off for some time longer, by reason they cannot be so soon prepar'd for the said hearing, their lordships were pleased to appoint the same for Tuesday, the 18th instant, and Mr. Lowther coming to the office, the secretary acquainted him therewith.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Pringle [*fo.* 392], to desire he will move the Right Honourable Mr. Secretary Stanhope that this Board may have a sight of the bills for the patents to be granted to the secretaries of Jamaica, Barbadoes and the Leeward Islands, and that leave be likewise desir'd for a clerk to compare the copy of letters from Colonel Vetch (which Mr. Douglas presented to the Board), with the originals in the Secretary's office, as also to know whether any and what orders were sent to Colonel Vetch in answer to the said letters.

A memorial from Mr. Rowland Tryon and Mr. Nathaniel Carpenter, recommending Mr. John Lucie Blackman to be of the Council of Barbadoes, was read.

Two letters from Mr. Harris [*fo.* 378], the one dated the 27th of December last, with several papers about preventing a trade being carry'd on from France to the South Seas, and for preserving our trade to the Spanish West Indies; the other, without date, relating also to the British trade with the Spanish West Indies, licensed ships, the Assiento, &c., were read; and thereupon ordered that Mr. Harris be acquainted with the Board's desire of speaking with him on Monday morning next.

Mr. James Douglas attending, presented to their lordships an abstract of the bills of exchange drawn by Colonel Vetch since the reduction of Annapolis Royal, to the order of, and endorsed by, him, which was read.

Berkeley.

January 10. Present :—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

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Trade.

Letter from Sir James Dolliffe. Spanish merchants' answers to queries.

Letter to Sir James.

Barbadoes.

Hearing between Lowther and Skene put off.

Jamaica.

Barbadoes.

Leeward Islands.

Letter to Mr. Pringle about bills for patents to the secretaries.

Nova Scotia.

Colonel Vetch's letters to the late ministry.

Barbadoes.

Memorial.

Blackman recommended to be of the Council.

Trade.

Letters from Mr. Harris &c. about trade to the South Seas and Spanish West Indies.

Mr. Harris summoned.

Nova Scotia.

Mr. Douglas.

Abstract of Colonel Vetch's bills of exchange.

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Trade.

*Mr. Harris.**Trade with the
Spaniards
in America.**Logwood.*

Mr. Harris attending [fo. 377], upon occasion of his letters, mention'd in the last minutes, their lordships had some discourse with him thereupon, and among other things, he said that, besides the clandestine trade carry'd on from Jamaica to the Spanish coast, there was also a considerable share of that trade manag'd from Barbadoes and Curacoa and St. Thomas; that in relation to the logwood trade, the cutting of that wood is chiefly done by New England people, who are settled in Campeche to the number of 1,000 or 1,500 men, who move their habitations (lying mostly in hamocks) according as the wet or dry seasons are; that if there was a sloop of force to protect the said cutters of logwood, or the settlements they wou'd make on the islands of Triest, they were in no apprehensions of being dislodged by the Spaniards; for the men there were capable of defending themselves, if they were countenanced by authority from the King.

*Sir James Dolliffe
&c.**Spanish merchants.
Answers to queries.**Spanish duty of 10
per cent. explain'd.*

Then Sir James Dolliffe, Sir William Chapman, Mr. Haynes [fo. 375] and several other Spanish merchants attending, they presented to their lordships their answers to the queries sent them the 24th of the last month, which were read, together with the said queries, and their lordships had a long conference with them upon each article, and particularly upon the 6th query, the merchants explain'd themselves as follows, vizt.: That the duty of 10 *per cent.*, upon our exports of the product of Spain, was in reality of no great consequence to them, but if the same was exacted upon the products of the Spanish West Indies, particularly on cochineal and indico, it would be a very great grievance and burthen upon our trade, and that duty upon cochineal alone wou'd raise our scarlet cloths at least 3 *per cent.*

Duty on wooll.

In relation to the duty on wooll, they said it wou'd be no detriment to this kingdom if the same were continued high, provided all other nations, and particularly the French, paid the same as we, for that the French export chiefly the coarse and we the fine wooll.

Trade.

*Patents to British
consuls.*

They further took notice that since his Majesty's accession to the throne the King of Spain had not confirm'd any of the patents to the British consuls there.

*Instructions for Mr.
Methuen.*

After these gentlemen were withdrawn, their lordships agreed to proceed to-morrow morning on the instructions for Mr. Methuen.

Berkeley.

January 11. Present:—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Leeward Islands.

*Debentures.
Travers.*

Mr. Samuel Travers attending, and the powers of attorney from James Smith and Elizabeth Lawrence, two of the sufferers by the French invasion at Nevis, being examin'd at the Board, Mr. Travers signed receipts for two debentures numbered 516 and 590, which their lordships were pleased to order the secretary to deliver to Mr. John Travers, who is equally impow'd by the two sufferers abovemention'd to receive the said debentures, when he shall likewise sign receipts for the same.

Mills.

Mr. Mills attending in behalf of several other sufferers at Nevis, and his powers of attorney being examin'd, the five debentures numberd 359, 474, 558, 576 and 580 were deliver'd to him.

Mr. Rowland Gideon attending, in behalf of several other sufferers at the said island of Nevis, and his powers of attorney being examin'd, the four debentures number'd 477, 514, 535, 541 were deliver'd to him.

Mr. Streater and Mr. Smith attending in behalf of John Thornton and Thomas Smith, two of the sufferers of Nevis, and their powers of attorney being examin'd, the debenture number'd 391, in the name of the said Thornton and Smith, was deliver'd to him.

Then a list of the debentures made out for the sufferers at Nevis and St. Christopher's, pursuant to the Acts of Parliament of the 9th and 10th years of her late Majesty's reign, being prepared and laid before the Board, a letter for inclosing the same to the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury [*fo.* 360], according to their lordships' desire signify'd by Mr. Lowndes's letter, mention'd in the minutes of the 30th of the last month, was sign'd.

After which, their lordships took into consideration the draught of instructions to be prepar'd for Mr. Methuen [*fo.* 360, *v. infra*], appointed his Majesty's Ambassador to Spain, and went through the four first articles thereof.

Berkeley.

January 12. Present :—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Their lordships made a further progress in considering the draught of instructions to be given to Mr. Methuen [*v. supra*, *fo.* 384], appointed his Majesty's Ambassador to Spain.

Berkeley.

January 13. Present :—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Mr. Haynes attending, and being asked what he thought of the words in the last clause of the 4th article of the treaty of 1667 with Spain, vizt., *saving to either side the laws and ordinances of their country*, he said that every province and even every town had their by-laws, and particularly the town of Bilboa, whereby the privileges granted us by the said treaty of 1667 are avoided. For the Spaniards always insist upon the said saving, whenever we claim any of the said privileges. He added that since the making of that treaty, the Spaniards in several of their towns have made new laws and ordinances, which they likewise insist upon by virtue of the foresaid clause.

Mr. Roe attending, presented to their lordships a memorial relating to the grievances the British merchants have suffer'd at Bilboa, and to the settlement of a factory at St. Ander. He further communicated to their lordships the copy of a treaty of privileges executed in the year 1700 by the British merchants, and the magistrates and inhabitants of St. Ander, in order to the said merchants removing thither, which was also read.

Then their lordships enterd into the consideration of some heads of additional instructions for Mr. Methuen [*fo.* 360, *v. infra*], and made a progress therein.

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Gideon.

Streater and Smith.

List of all the
debentures made out.

Letter to Lords of the
Treasury therewith.

Trade.
Spain.
Instructions for Mr.
Methuen.

Trade.
Spain.
Instructions for Mr.
Methuen.

Trade.
Spain.
Mr. Haynes.
Priviledges by Treaty
of Commerce of 1667
evaded by new laws.

Mr. Roe.
Memorial about
grievances at Bilboa.

Priviledges stipulated
at St. Ander.

Additional instruc-
tions for Mr.
Methuen.

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January 14. Present :—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Trade.
Spain.
Instructions for Mr. Methuen.
Observations.
Additional instructions.
Letter to Mr. Secretary Stanhope.
New England.
Mr. Dummer and others summoned.

Their lordships went through the consideration of the draught of instructions for Mr. Methuen [*v. supra*, fo. 392], appointed his Majesty's Ambassador to the Court of Spain, and agreed several observations thereupon, as also several heads, which their lordships propose be given to Mr. Methuen as additional instructions, and order'd the same to be transcribed, with a letter for transmitting them to Mr. Secretary Stanhope.

Order'd that Mr. Jeremy Dummer [fo. 386], agent for the Massachusetts Bay, be desired to attend the Board at ten of the clock on Monday morning next, and that he be acquainted that the Board will be glad if he bring with him any gentlemen of that province who may happen to be now in town, or others who are versed in the affairs of those parts.

Berkeley.

January 17. Present :—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Barbadoes.
Memorial from Sir John Colleton against Mr. Colleton's being counsellor.
Mr. Tryon.

The Lord Berkeley communicated to the Board a memorial which he had received from Sir John Colleton [fo. 395], praying that Mr. John Colleton may not be of the Council of Barbadoes, which was read, and their lordships agreed to speak with Mr. Tryon thereupon to-morrow morning.

New Jersey.
New York.
Dr. Cox.
Memorial against Hunter.

Dr. Cox, with his son, Mr. Samuel Cox [fo. 401, 405], presented to their lordships a memorial containing reasons against renewing Colonel Hunter's commissions for New Jersey and New York, which their lordships agreed to take into consideration the first opportunity.

New England.
Nova Scotia.
Mr. Dummer.
Character of Colonel Vetch and Sir Charles Hobby.

Mr. Dummer attending [fo. 385, 387], as he had been desired, and being asked the character of Colonel Vetch and Sir Charles Hobby, he said that Colonel Vetch was a man of good sense, well affected to the Government, and a good soldier; that he had heard of no complaints against him, but what had been made by Colonel Nicholson, and he thought those complaints no way related to his character or courage. As to Sir Charles Hobby, he only said that he had lived some years in Jamaica, then went to New England, and afterwards had some misfortunes.

New Hampshire.
Mr. Dummer's memorial against an Act.

Mr. Dummer then presented to their lordships a memorial relating to an Act pass'd in New Hampshire [fo. 398], which their lordships agreed to take into consideration the first opportunity.

Nova Scotia.
New England.
Several merchants and others about Vetch and Hobby's characters.

Then Captain Joseph Willard, Mr. William Willard, Mr. Wainwright, Mr. Walley, Mr. Casewell, Mr. Smith, Mr. Newman and Mr. Cummings also attending, and being asked the same questions as Mr. Dummer, they said [fo. 386] that they had never heard of any complaints against Colonel Vetch, but those made by Colonel Nicholson; that Colonel Nicholson's proceedings against Mr. Vetch in New England were look'd upon to be very violent and arbitrary; for that before he had examin'd Colonel Vetch's accounts, he

attach'd his estate, demanded 40,000*l.* security from him, and would have seized his person; that Colonel Vetch always had a very good character for integrity, sense, worth, honor and military abilities, and that no body knew North America better than he does. As for Sir Charles Hobby, they said they had heard nothing against him.

These gentlemen being then ask'd some questions in relation to Nova Scotia, they said that the fishery there wou'd be the best in all America, cou'd they but cure their fish on shore, which they cannot do for fear of the Indians, not having protection there; and, by being obliged to carry their fish to New England, one-half or one-third of it is spoil'd before it gets there. Mr. Cumings said that he has seen fifty sloops at a time fishing on that coast, and that unless we made some settlements with fortifications to protect that fishery, we shou'd always be in danger from the French at Cape Breton; that Nova Scotia is very proper for naval stores; that while it was in the hands of the French, they brought home yearly considerable numbers of masts.

A letter from Mr. John Chamberlain, giving a good character of Colonel Vetch, was read.

A reference from Mr. Secretary Stanhope, of the 7th instant, upon the petition of Sir Charles Hobby [*fo.* 392, 404], praying for the government of Nova Scotia, was read; and Sir Charles attending, and being called in and ask'd several questions, he said that, if he had time given him, he cou'd prove several things against Colonel Vetch, particularly that he had used the French so ill that it had caused great disturbances in Nova Scotia; that he sent up once seventy men, unknown to him, the said Sir Charles Hobby, who was then Lieutenant Governor under Colonel Vetch, with orders to destroy the swine and poultry of the French, which so exasperated them that the said seventy men were all cut off except one; that he exacted trees from the French for repairing the fort for nothing, which was the reason the French wou'd never furnish him with them; that one Cleancourt came from Canada, and that he, the said Sir Charles Hobby, inform'd Colonel Vetch that the said Cleancourt was a spy from Canada, which Colonel Vetch so little regarded, that he sent goods along with him. Sir Charles then presented to the Board a draught of Annapolis Royal in Nova Scotia.

Colonel Vetch then attending, and being ask'd some questions in relation to the above complaints made against him, he said that as to the forementiond Cleancourt, no body whatever told him he was a spy; that he came from his habitation on the river St. John in Nova Scotia, to see his relations at Annapolis, and that when he went away he did let him have a barrel of pork for his subsistence; that in relation to the trees, he never had one from the French but it was paid for. As to the 70 men, the reason of sending them out was that he had contracted with the French for trees, which they used to send him down the river in rafts, but that the Indians used to come and cut them to peices; that he expecting some trees, and fearing least the Indians should serve him so again, he sent the said 70 men to prevent it, but that they were intercepted by

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Nova Scotia.
Fishery.

*Settlements and
fortifications.*

*Letter from Mr.
Chamberlain.
Colonel Vetch.*

*Reference from Mr.
Stanhope.
Sir Charles Hobby's
petition for the
government against
Vetch.
Sir Charles present.*

*Draught of Anna-
polis Royal.
Colonel Vetch's
defence.*

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*Persons proving
Colonel Vetch's
assertions.*

*Captain Blackmore.
Draught of Nova
Scotia.*

*Sir Charles Hobby
summond.*

*Letter from Mr.
Pringle.
Vetch's papers.*

*Jamaica.
Barbadoes.
Leeward Islands.
Secretaries' patents.*

Trade.

Spain.

*Letter to Mr. Secretary
Stanhope.*

*Instructions for Mr.
Methuen.*

Nova Scotia.

*Letter to Mr. Secretary
Stanhope.
Vetch.*

*Nova Scotia.
Sir Charles Hobby
against Colonel Vetch.*

a party of French from Canada, and Indians, and were all but one either taken or cut off ; that he never gave any orders for killing the swine or poultry of the French, but that indeed he had given orders, in case the French shou'd refuse to furnish trees for money, to fright them into compliance by threats, and that Sir Charles Hobby, as well as the other officers of the garrison, always saw the orders before they were sent.

Then Captain Blackmore, Lieutenant Erskine, Mr. Jackson, commissary of the provisions, Mr. Davis, clerk of the works, and Mr. Gerdon, surgeon of the garrison at Annapolis, attending, and being likewise examined upon the foremention'd complaint of Sir Charles Hobby, they said the same as Colonel Vetch had done, and particularly Mr. Davis, that he, as clerk of the works, had paid the French for every tree they deliver'd ; that Colonel Vetch was universally belov'd by all the officers and soldiers of the garrison for his humanity and good treatment of them ; that on the contrary, Sir Charles had the ill will of them all, for his ill-treatment of them, and they instanced in the following particular, vizt. : a ship arrived there with provisions and liquors at a time when they were in want, and in Colonel Vetch's absence ; that Sir Charles thereupon would let none of the officers stir out of the garrison to purchase any of the said provisions till he had bought them all himself, which he afterwards sold to the garrison at his own price.

Captain Blackmore then presented to their lordships a new draught of Nova Scotia.

Ordered that Sir Charles Hobby [*fo.* 388, 393] be desired to attend the Board to-morrow morning.

A letter from Mr. Pringle, of the 13th [*fo.* 376], in answer to one writ him the 7th instant, relating to several letters sent by Colonel Vetch to the late ministry relating to Nova Scotia, and about bills for the secretaries' patents for Jamaica, Barbadoes and the Leeward Islands, was read.

A letter to Mr. Secretary Stanhope, in answer to that from the Lord Viscount Townshend, of the 22nd of the last month [*fo.* 385], relating to instructions for Mr. Methuen, appointed his Majesty's Ambassador to Spain, was sign'd.

Their lordships likewise agreed the draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary Stanhope [*fo.* 363, 394], upon the petition and case of Colonel Vetch, and order'd it to be transcribed.

Berkeley.

January 18. Present :—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Sir Charles Hobby attending [*fo.* 392, 403], as directed yesterday, and being ask'd whether he had anything of moment to charge Colonel Vetch with, he said that he did not doubt, if he had time and council allow'd him, but he should be able to prove several things of consequence ; and being then desired to name some particular facts, he said that Colonel Vetch had levy'd contributions on the French inhabitants, contrary to the articles of capitulation, and

had sent a brigantine to Minas for that purpose, which had so provok'd the French that it gave occasion to them to take up arms. To which Colonel Vetch, who was present, made answer that it was true that he had once, when the garrison was in great want, sent a brigantine to Minas for provisions; that they sent accordingly, but that when they arriv'd they were so very bad and stinking, that the garrison cou'd not use them, so that they were sent back; and he observ'd that Minas was not within the capitulation, not being within the bailieu of the fort; and he challenged Sir Charles to mention one single instance, where he had demanded contributions of any persons under the foremention'd capitulation, and he referr'd himself to several persons waiting without to justify the truth of what he had said; but Sir Charles not contradicting what Colonel Vetch had alledg'd, their lordships did not think it necessary to call them in, and Sir Charles being ask'd by their lordships whether he had any proof of what he had advanced, he said that he had not; but he thought that he might find something in his papers, had he time allow'd him. And their lordships then pressing him to fix upon any particular matters of fact that were of weight, for proof whereof he shou'd have sufficient time allow'd him, and he only repeating what he had already said, their lordships did not think that there appear'd anything sufficient to stop their letter to Mr. Secretary Stanhope, agreed yesterday, upon Colonel Vetch's case and petition [*fo.* 392], and therefore the same was accordingly sign'd.

Mr. Martin, Inspector General of his Majesty's Customs, attending [*fo.* 366], presented to the Board an account shewing the species and quantities of the principal goods exported and imported between the kingdoms of England and Spain in seventeen years and one quarter, from Michaelmas, 1696, to Christmas, 1713; and their lordships communicated to him an account (mention'd in the minutes of the 24th August, 1714), shewing the species and quantities of goods and merchandizes, and the amount of the value imported and exported between England and Spain in three distinct years in the time of the Ryswick Peace, from Christmas, 1698, to Christmas, 1701, with a state of the said three years' trade, and a comparison shewing the excess thereof, for his observations thereupon.

Mr. Rowland Tryon attending [*fo.* 385], the memorial from Sir John Colleton, mention'd in yesterday's minutes, against Mr. Colleton's being appointed of the Council of Barbadoes, was read to him, whereupon Mr. Tryon acquainted their lordships that he had instructions from Mr. Colleton to compose that matter with Sir John.

Mr. Lowther, his Majesty's Governor of Barbadoes, appearing on one side, and the aforesaid Mr. Tryon, in behalf of Mr. Skene, secretary of that island, on the other, with their council, in order to the hearing appointed for this day, upon Mr. Lowther's petition relating to the office of private secretary [*fo.* 376] &c., to the Governor, claim'd by the said Mr. Skene; but it being too late to enter upon the same at present, both parties were directed to agree upon a day that might be suitable to them for the said hearing, and to give their lordships notice thereof.

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*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope on
Colonel Vetch's
case and petition.*

*Trade.
Mr. Martin,
Inspector General.
Exports and
imports to and
from Spain.*

*Dr. Davenant's
account comuni-
cated to him for
observations.*

*Barbadoes.
Mr. Tryon about
Mr. Colleton's
being of the Council.*

*Barbadoes.
Mr. Lowther
against Skene.*

Hearing put off.

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Newfoundland.

Mr. Haynes.

*Copies of complaints
against Taverner.*

Mr. Haynes attending, and desiring to have copies of such papers of complaint as might be in this office against Captain Taverner, ordered that he have copies thereof accordingly.

Berkeley.

New England.

Nova Scotia.

*Disbanded soldiers'
memorial.**Persons summond.*

Nova Scotia.

Letter from

Mr. Merret.

Captain Blackmore.

Memorial.

Brigantine for

Nova Scotia.

January 19. Present :—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Cooke.

A memorial from Daniel Hall and other disbanded officers &c. [fo. 362], relating to the settlement they propose in North America, together with a list of persons, which they desire may be sumon'd before this Board, to give their lordships information relating to that affair, were read. Whereupon ordered that the said persons have accordingly notice that their lordships desire to speak with them on Tuesday, the 8th of February next [fo. 412].

A letter from Mr. Solomon Merret to the secretary, dated this day, recommending Captain Blackmore to the favour of the Board, was read, as likewise a memorial from the said Blackmore, relating to the building and imploying a brigantine to survey the coast of Nova Scotia, and Captain Blackmore attending, was desired to put his proposal in writing for building the said brigantine, in order to their lordships' consideration thereof.

Massachusetts.
New Hampshire.

Letters from

Mr. Secretary

Stanhope.

Commissions and

instructions for

Mr. Burges.

Two letters from Mr. Secretary Stanhope, both dated the 14th instant [fo. 414], signifying his Majesty's having appointed Elizeus Burges, esquire, to be Governor of the provinces of the Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire, and requiring the draught of commissions and instructions to be prepared for Mr. Burges for those governments, were read. Whereupon directions were given for preparing the said draughts accordingly.

New York.

Letter from Mr.

Secretary Stanhope.

Heathcote.

Naval stores.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Stanhope, of the 15th instant, referring to the Board several letters and proposals from Mr. Caleb Heathcote, of New York [fo. 333], relating to the production of naval stores there, was read, and directions given for looking out all the papers in this office relating to that matter.

Berkeley.

January 26. Present :—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cooke.

Their lordships, taking into consideration the memorial from Mr. Dummer, agent for the Massachusetts Bay [fo. 386], presented to the Board the 17th instant, relating to an Act of New Hampshire, the same was read, and a letter to Colonel Dudley, Governor of that province &c., requiring him to transmit the Act therein mention'd, was drawn up, agreed and signed.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Stanhope, of the 24th instant, transmitting to the Board several papers relating to Newfoundland, and requiring their lordships to take into consideration the state of that country, and report what their lordships shall judge proper for his Majesty's service there, was read. Whereupon ordered that Mr. James Campbell, agent for Colonel Moody, Mr. Archibald Cumings, Mr. Solomon Merret and Mr. James Smith [fo. 448], be desired to bring their lordships in writing, on Tuesday next, what they may have to offer upon this matter,

Massachusetts.

New Hampshire.

Mr. Dummer's

memorial against

Act of

New Hampshire.

Letter to

Colonel Dudley.

Newfoundland.

Letter from Mr.

Secretary Stanhope.

Papers relating to

the state of

Newfoundland.

Merchants to bring

what they have to

offer in writing.

The extracts of several letters lately received from Spain, relating to our trade, as also that of the French there, having been communicated to the Board, were read.

Berkeley.

February 1. Present :—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cooke.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Stanhope, dated the 5th of January, 17¹⁴₁₅, requiring draughts of a commission and instructions to be prepared for Colonel William Codrington to be Governor of the Leeward Islands, was read.

Another letter from Mr. Secretary Stanhope, dated the 31st of the same month, signifying his Majesty's pleasure that the directions in relation to the said commission and instructions for Colonel Codrington be no further pursued, but that the same be prepar'd for Walter Hamilton, esquire [*fo.* 402], to be Governor of the said Leeward Islands, was likewise read, and the draught of the said commission being already prepar'd in the name of Colonel Codrington, their lordships order'd it to be corrected by inserting the name of Hamilton, instead of Codrington.

Two other letters from Mr. Secretary Stanhope, both dated the 25th past, requiring draughts of commissions and instructions to be prepared for Colonel Hunter [*fo.* 423] to be Governor of his Majesty's provinces of New York and New Jersey, were read. Whereupon ordered that the said draughts be prepar'd accordingly; and upon consideration of Doctor Coxe's memorial, presented the 17th of the last month, against Colonel Hunter [*fo.* 386], their lordships were further pleased to order that Doctor Cox have notice to attend the Board on Fryday morning next.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Stanhope, of the 29th past, directing draughts of a commission and instructions to be prepared for Brigadier Franks to be Governor of Maryland in the room of Captain Hart, was read; and orders given for preparing the said draughts accordingly.

Berkeley.

February 4. Present :—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

The draught of a commission for Walter Hamilton, esquire, to be Governor of the Leeward Islands, mention'd in the minutes of the 1st instant [*fo.* 400], being laid before the Board, a letter wherewith to transmit the same to Mr. Secretary Stanhope, was sign'd.

A caveat from the Earl of Clarendon [*fo.* 8, R.] against two Acts, one pass'd in the province of New York, entituled *An Act for payment of the debts of the government of the province of New York*, the other, pass'd in the province of New Jersey, entituled *An Act to inable Thomas Gordon, esquire, Treasurer of this province, to pay the summe of 999l. 13s. 3d. towards the support of the government and for discharging the said Treasurer thereof*, was read. Whereupon ordered that his lordship be desired to let the Board

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Trade.
Spain.
Extracts of letters.

Leeward Islands.
Letter from Mr. Secretary Stanhope. Commissions and instructions for Colonel Codrington.

Letter from Mr. Secretary Stanhope. Orders for commission to Colonel Codrington revoked, and commission &c. for Hamilton directed. Draught of commission corrected.

New York.
New Jersey.
Two letters from Mr. Secretary Stanhope. Commissions and instructions for Brigadier Hunter. Dr. Coxe against Hunter. Doctor Coxe summond.

Maryland.
Letter from Mr. Secretary Stanhope. Commission and instructions for Brigadier Franks.

Leeward Islands.
Commission to Hamilton. Letter to Mr. Secretary Stanhope.

New York.
New Jersey.
Caveat from Earl of Clarendon against Acts.

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*Objections to be made in writing.***Nova Scotia.***Letter from Mr. Secretary Stanhope.**Papers from Sir Charles Hobby, praying to be Lieutenant Governor of Annapolis. Mr. London's character of Sir Charles.*

have his particular objections [*fo.* 410] against the said two Acts in writing on Tuesday morning next.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Stanhope, of the 26th of the last month, transmitting to the Board several papers from Sir Charles Hobby [*fo.* 393], and signifying his Majesty's pleasure that their lordships consider what Sir Charles represents, and report their opinion of his pretensions to be Lieutenant Governor of Annapolis Royal, was read, together with the said papers, and John London, esquire (member of Parliament for Wilton), attending, whose name their lordships observed to be subscribed among others to one of the said papers, vizt., the copy of the representation to his Majesty from several merchants in favour of Sir Charles Hobby, and Mr. London being ask'd several questions thereupon, he acquainted the Board that he had known Sir Charles Hobby several years to be a gentleman of a fair character, and that he was not conscious of any objection to his integrity; that he was inform'd by the principal traders to New England of Sir Charles's having behav'd himself very well abroad, and by laying out his money in purchasing lands and buildings had very much contributed to the encouraging the better settlement of Annapolis &c., and that he did not doubt but many other merchants wou'd be ready to recommend him.

Colonel Vetch about Sir Charles Hobby's being Lieutenant Governor of Annapolis.

Colonel Vetch, who attended likewise, being then call'd in and ask'd several questions, he declared that he had no resentment against Sir Charles Hobby, on account of their late disputes before this Board, nor shou'd he appear against him, having no objection either against Sir Charles or Major Caulfield, the present Lieutenant Governor; that he had no suspicion of Sir Charles Hobby's misbehaviour, but believ'd they should agree very well together, and Colonel Vetch likewise confirm'd what had been alledg'd of Sir Charles's having made purchases in Nova Scotia, which were an encouragement to the better settling that colony.

*Letter to Mr. Secretary Stanhope about Sir Charles Hobby.**Sir Charles call'd in.*

Upon consideration of this whole matter, their lordships gave directions for preparing an answer to Mr. Secretary Stanhope, signifying that this Board have no objection against Sir Charles Hobby's being appointed Lieutenant Governor of Annapolis Royal [*fo.* 388, 408], according to his petition, and Sir Charles Hobby being call'd in, was acquainted with what Colonel Vetch had said, and, as the Colonel had laid aside all resentment of their late differences, their lordships recommended to Sir Charles to endeavour that no disputes between them might prejudice the publick service.

New York. New Jersey. Doctor Coxe and his son against Brigadier Hunter.

Doctor Cox attending, together with his son, Mr. Samuel Cox, they were ask'd what particular instances of mal-administration they cou'd make appear against Brigadier Hunter, Governor of his Majesty's provinces of New York and New Jersey [*fo.* 386, 432], as suggested in their memorial (mention'd in the minutes of the 17th of the last month), and what proofs they had to support such accusation. To which Doctor Coxe answer'd that he must begg some time to make good his complaint, and that a day may be fix'd for his hearing; in order to which he desir'd such persons might be summon'd to attend the Board as he should name, and in the interim he desir'd to compare several articles of Brigadier Hunter's

instructions, with such copies thereof as he said he had by him. Whereupon their lordships acquainted the doctor that they expected he should first exhibit his charge in writing, and particularize the facts he had to alledge against Brigadier Hunter, in order to be communicated to his agents here, and that then a day should be appointed for hearing both parties, and such persons summon'd as he should name; and that as to his instructions their lordships should be judges, upon the said hearing, how far he had observed or deviated from them. Doctor Coxe then promised to bring his said charge on Wednesday or Thursday next.

Colonel Nicholson [fo. 418], lately arrived from North America, attended their lordships, and acquainted them that his papers being not received from the Custom House [fo. 420], he could not yet lay any of them before the Board, but at present recommended to their lordships' consideration the present miserable condition of New England, with relation to their want of money and subsisting by bills of credit.

A letter from Colonel Sharpe, President of the Council of Barbadoes, dated the 27th November, 1714, relating to his having suspended Mr. Frere [*v. infra*] from his place in the said Council, was read, together with the copy of Colonel Sharpe's reasons and order of suspension of the said Frere, and several affidavits under the seal of the island referr'd to in the said letter.

A memorial from Mr. Tilden, in behalf of the said Frere, praying to have copies of Colonel Sharp's complaints against him [*v. supra*], in order to his justification, and that in the mean time Mr. Frere may be restored to his place and former precedency in the said Council, was likewise read. Whereupon ordered that Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes [fo. 415], and such persons as appear in behalf of Mr. Frere, have notice to attend the Board on Wednesday morning next.

Berkeley.

February 7. Present:—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Cooke.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Stanhope, of the 4th instant, inclosing a petition from Mr. Calvert, son and heir of the Lord Baltimore, and thereupon signifying his Majesty's pleasure that this Board pursue no further the directions for a commission to Brigadier Franks to be Governor of Maryland, but that their lordships forthwith prepare the draughts of a commission and instructions for Captain Hart to be Governor of the said province [fo. 422], was read. Whereupon ordered that the said draughts be accordingly prepar'd for Captain Hart.

Ordered that Mr. Martin, Inspector General of his Majesty's Customs, be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him to-morrow morning.

A letter to Mr. Secretary Stanhope, ordered yesterday to be prepar'd in answer to his of the 26th of the last month, signifying that this Board have no objection against Sir Charles Hobby's being appointed Lieutenant Governor of Annapolis Royal [fo. 404], was sign'd.

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Charge to be exhibited in writing, which Doctor Coxe promises.

New England.
Plantations General.
Colonel Nicholson, his papers at the Custom House. New England; miserable want of money; bills of credit.

Barbadoes.
Letter from Colonel Sharpe. Mr. Frere suspended. Reasons and proofs.

Memorial from Mr. Tilden in behalf of Frere.

Mr. Lowther &c. summon'd.

Maryland.
Letter from Mr. Secretary Stanhope. Petition of Mr. Calvert. Order about Brigadier Franks's commission &c. revok'd. Captain Hart's to be renew'd.

Trade.
Mr. Martin, Inspector General, to attend.

Nova Scotia.
Letter to Mr. Secretary Stanhope. Sir Charles Hobby.

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Barbadoes.

Instructions for

Mr. Lowther.

Sir John Colleton's
agent, Mr. Hardisty,
summon'd.

Then their lordships took into consideration the instructions to be given to Mr. Lowther for the government of Barbadoes [fo. 334, 434], and the draught thereof being read, their lordships made a progress therein; and ordered that Mr. Robert Hardisty, in the absence of Sir John Colleton [fo. 415], be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him at ten of the clock on Wednesday morning next, upon the objections that have been made to Mr. Colleton's being of the Council of that island.

Berkeley.

February 8. Present:—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Trade.

Mr. Martyn,

Inspector General.

Imports and exports.

Mr. Martyn, Inspector General of his Majesty's Customs [fo. 366], attending as desired, their lordships signify'd to him that they should be glad of the account he promised (the 4th of the last month) to prepare, of our imports and exports, from and to all parts of the world, for ten years last past; and particularly for the year 1714; but that their lordships being sensible of the labour and time such a work might require, they were desirous, if the said accounts were too tedious and difficult to be soon made up for so many years, that the same might be computed for five or such other number of years as could with convenience be soonest dispatch'd, and that their lordships desired first, the accounts of such branches of our trade, wherein the woollen manufacture is principally concern'd. Whereupon Mr. Martin acquainted the Board that he had employ'd himself and clerks to compleat the last year's account of our trade with Spain, and would proceed with all possible expedition in what their lordships desired; but, in order to procure assistance in this affair, he prayed the Board would please to signify their comands to him in writing, upon which their lordships gave directions for writing to Mr. Martyn accordingly.

Woollen manu-
facture first.

Letter to Mr.
Martyn.

Leeward Islands.

Mr. Baker.

Debenture.

New York.

New Jersey.

Acts.

Earl of Clarendon
with his objections.

Mr. Richard Baker attending, and his power of attorney from Richard Buttler, one of the sufferers of Nevis, being examin'd, the debenture number'd 589 was delivered to him.

The Earl of Clarendon coming to the Board, presented to their lordships his objections in writing [fo. 402, 423] against the two Acts. mention'd in the minutes of the 4th instant, the one pass'd in New York, for paying the debts of the government of that province, the other pass'd in New Jersey, to inable Thomas Gordon, esquire, Treasurer of that province, to pay 999l. 13s. 3d. towards the support of the government and for discharging the said Treasurer thereof [R. fo. 209], which objections were read; the substance whereof his lordship repeated in discourse, and further added that he was informed of another Act, pass'd at New York about a year ago, whereby his Majesty's revenue of excise was appropriated for some of the uses of the foremention'd Act, and to pay the debts that had been, or should be, contracted; which anticipation of the revenue of that province he hoped the Board would not approve; that, as his lordship was informed, this Act of New York, which he now objects to, would be injurious to several persons besides himself, and particularly to the Chief Justice, Mr. Mompesson, the minister and others; that his lordship had several demands upon the province

of New York for salary as Governor, and disbursements on the publick accounts, for which his lordship was so carefull in the observations of his instructions as to pass warrants in Council, but that if the foremention'd Act should be confirm'd, he apprehended he shou'd be excluded from such his just demands; that, as he was inform'd, the said Act provided for several pretended debts, which were not duly vouch'd, particularly the sume of 2,000*l.* to the son of Captain Leslaer, said to be due to the said Captain for publick expences, which really were in supporting the rebellion at New York about the time of the revolution, for which Captain Leslaer was condemn'd and executed, though his attainder has indeed been since reversed, and his lordship desired a copy of the foresaid Act of New York (hoping to get a printed one of that of New Jersey), in order to the making such further observations thereupon as may be necessary. Directions were given for preparing a copy of the said Act for him accordingly.

Then my Lord Clarendon, being asked whether there was not 800*l.* rais'd by an Act of New Jersey for building a fort there, his lordship answer'd, that he did not remember any such Act, but that upon an alarm from Monsieur D'Iberville, when his lordship was Governor there, he had put that province in the best posture of defence he could, and advised the building of a fort.

Mr. Coram then attending, and several disbanded officers and soldiers, who propose to make a settlement in North America, as also Colonel Nicholson, Sir Charles Hobby, Colonel Byfeild, Mr. Dummer, Captain Willard, Mr. Wallis, Mr. Pepon [*fo.* 397] and several other gentlemen acquainted with those parts, their lordships enquired of them, whether the foremention'd intended settlement would not be more for the interest of Great Britain, if the same were made in Nova Scotia near Cape Sables, in consideration of the fishery and the French settlement at Cape Briton? And whether Nova Scotia was not as capable of producing naval stores equal in goodness and quantity with what might be produced near Kennebeck river, and other eastern frontiers of New England? These gentlemen generally agreed that the fishery was much better upon the coast of Nova Scotia than any other part of the coast of that continent, but that the lands upon Kennebeck river, and other places between Sagadahoc and St. Croix, were more fertile, and abounded with larger masts and better in quality, if not more in number, than Nova Scotia; and Mr. Dummer acquainted their lordships that there were many disputed titles to the lands eastward of Sagadahoc, but that since none of the several claimers had taken care to plant or settle them, they were look'd upon as liable to be disposed of by the Crown to such as would settle and improve the same. Colonel Byfeild likewise confirm'd what Mr. Dummer had said, and further acquainted the Board that he had been formerly of a committee appointed in New England to examine the claims to the lands on their frontiers and others, but that they found them so very confused, that the several grants were look'd upon to be vacant, and liable to be re-granted to such as would settle them. Upon the whole, their lordships recommended to Mr. Coram and Mr. Hall [*fo.* 424], with the said officers and soldiers, to consult

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*Copy of Act for his
lordship.*

*Money raised for
a fort in
New Jersey.*

*New England.
Nova Scotia.
Coram.
Disbanded officers
and soldiers.
Colonel Nicholson,
Sir Charles Hobby
and merchants &c.
about settlement in
North America.*

*Coram and officers &c.
to put their proposals
in writing.*

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together with Colonel Nicholson, Mr. Dummer and the rest of the gentlemen before mention'd, and to put their further proposals in writing, and particularize their reasons for having the intended settlement rather in one place than another, to make a computation of the charge thereof, and what return might be expected to Great Britain to induce the government to incourage the same, and that they wou'd lay what they had to offer thereupon before the Board as soon as possible.

New England.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
New commission
for Governor.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Stanhope [fo. 397], inclosing the draughts of commissions for Elizeus Burges, esquire, to be Governor of the Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire, was sign'd.

Berkeley.

February 9. Present :—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Barbado's.
Mr. Lowther.
Character of Mr.
Frere, late suspended
from the Council.

Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, attending as desired [fo. 407, 423], he was asked the character of Mr. Frere, lately suspended by Mr. Sharpe from the Council of that island. Whereupon Mr. Lowther said that Mr. Frere was a gentleman of a considerable estate, a man of probity and good parts, and very well qualify'd to be a member of his Majesty's Council there, though upon some late provocations he understood the said Frere had not behaved himself with all the discretion that cou'd be wish'd; but that he beleiv'd it would be very acceptable to the generality of the island if he were restored again to his place in Council.

Mr. Hardisty about
Mr. Colleton.

Mr. Hardisty [fo. 408], in behalf of Sir John Colleton, who has exhibited a memorial against Mr. John Colleton's being of the Council of Barbadoes, as mention'd in the minutes of the 17th of the last month, attending now as he had been desired, and it being observed to him that Mr. Colleton's being of the Council might be a means of Sir John Colleton's sooner obtaining justice in the cause between him and Mr. Colleton, Mr. Hardisty answer'd that from past experience in the time when Mr. James Colleton, father of this Mr. Colleton, was of the Council of Barbadoes, he apprehended the contrary. Whereupon it being farther observed to him by Mr. Lowther, who was likewise present, that a councillor's having suits at law or in Chancery, was an objection no person whatsoever could be absolutely free from; and Mr. Lowther further declared that in his opinion no obstruction of justice could ensue from Mr. Colleton's being appointed of the Council, for that a member of the Council, whenever his own cause came on, rose up, and the rest of the Council only were judges of it.

To which Mr. Hardisty reply'd that, this being a very extraordinary case, where the estate in dispute was of considerable value, being four sixth parts of the profits of an estate of a thousand pounds per annum since the year 1693, of which no account could yet be obtain'd, either from Mr. James or his son, Mr. John Colleton, he hoped that a gentleman so partial in his own case might not be thought fit to judge of others, at least before he had clear'd himself of the injustice imputed to him by Sir John; that formerly there was advice that this cause had been very much delay'd by the seldom holding of Courts. Mr. Hardisty further acquainted the

Board that Mr. Tryon had mention'd to him some authority he had to make offers to Sir John Colleton for making up this matter (as had been formerly done, though not to Sir John's satisfaction, by other hands), but that he had not communicated to him any proposals; whereupon their lordships desired Mr. Hardisty wou'd confer with Mr. Tryon as soon as possible upon this subject, and write to Sir John Colleton; and he was further desired to attend this Board as soon as he had heard from Sir John, in order to their lordships' dispatching Mr. Lowther's instructions; which he promised to do accordingly.

These gentlemen being withdrawn, their lordships made a further progress in Mr. Lowther's instructions, and ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Attorney General, to know if the Act to encourage the trade to America, pass'd in the 6th year of her late Majesty's reign, continues still in force.

Mr. Boreland attending [fo. 406, 426], and complaining to their lordships that Colonel Nicholson had abused him on account of what he had testify'd of the Colonel's character and behaviour at New England &c., and that he had refused to give him, the said Boreland, the necessary certificates in order to his receiving the money due to him from several officers of the garrison of Annapolis &c.; he was desired to put what he had to offer in writing, in order to their lordships' consideration thereof.

Mr. Moore, a member of the late Board of Trade, sending to desire a copy of the minutes of the 14th of October, 1713, having mislaid the copy he formerly had, their lordships gave directions that a copy of the said minutes be given to Mr. Moore accordingly.

A letter from Mr. Burchet, of the 5th instant, signifying, by order of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that they are now appointing ships for the service of Newfoundland, and that this Board may please to consider what instructions may be necessary to be given to the Comander-in-Chief of the said ships, was read; and their lordships resolved to consider of the affairs of Newfoundland to-morrow morning [fo. 420].

Berkeley.

February 10. Present :—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Their lordships, considering the Acts of New York and New Jersey (mention'd in the minutes of the 8th instant), against which the Earl of Clarendon has made objections, and observing that the Act of New York, for paying the debts of the government of that province, pass'd in 1714, entituled *An Act for paying and discharging the several debts and sums of money claim'd as debts &c.* [fo. 410], to be very long, directions were given for acquainting his lordship that he might peruse the same in this office, or have a copy thereof, which his lordship judged most convenient; and the same with relation to the Act of New York for *laying an excise upon all strong liquors &c.*, pass'd in 1713.

Their lordships then taking into consideration the affairs of Newfoundland [fo. 419, 437], pursuant to their resolution of

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Mr. Hardisty to confer with Mr. Tryon and write to Sir John Colleton.

Mr. Lowther's instructions.

Plantations General. Act about trade to America.

Letter to Attorney General.

Nova Scotia.

Mr. Boreland against Colonel Nicholson about payment of bills &c.

Miscellanies.

Mr. Moore. Copy of the minutes.

Newfoundland.

Letter from Mr. Burchet.

Instructions for the Commodore.

New York.

New Jersey.

Acts.

Earl of Clarendon's objections.

Newfoundland.

Heads of inquiry and instructions.

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*Commodore Leake's
answers in 1713.
Consideration
adjourn'd.*

Nova Scotia.
*Colonel Nicholson.
Papers about the
French &c.*

Barbado's.
*Order on representa-
tion about Skene.*

Plantations General.
Patent officers.

Barbado's.
*Instructions.
Skene.*

Trade.
*Spain.
Letter from Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Extract of memorial
from Marquis de
Monteleon.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Duty of 10 per cent.
in Spain.*

Trade.
*Spain.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Monteleon's
memorial.
Maryland.
Commission for Hart.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.*

New York.
New Jersey.
*Acts.
Lord Clarendon's
objections copy'd.
Mr. Orby.*

yesterday, and particularly the heads of enquiry and instructions necessary to be given to the commodore of his Majesty's ships going thither; the said heads of enquiry and draught of additional instructions sent to Mr. Burchet the 13th of May last, were read; as likewise the letter from Mr. Burchet of the 12th of October, 1714, with Captain Leake's answers to the enquiries and instructions given him in 1713, and their lordships agreed to proceed further in the examination of the several papers before this Board, relating to Newfoundland, at the next opportunity.

Colonel Nicholson attending, presented to the Board the copies of several papers [fo. 406], whereof he said the originals remain at Annapolis Royal, the said copies being in three parcels numbered 1, 2 and 3, the latter containing copies of several letters between Colonel Nicholson and Monsieur Du Vivier L'Hirmitte and St. Ovide, and the two former being copies of several other papers relating to the French inhabitants in Nova Scotia, with lists of those who embark'd for Cape Briton &c.

The copy of an Order in Council of the 24th, upon a representation of the Board of Trade, dated the 20th of November, 1712 [P. fo. 245], relating to the restoration of Mr. Skene to his office of secretary of Barbadoes, and the allowance of the profits of his place during his suspension, and directing security to be given by the person appointed to officiate for any patent officer, that he will be answerable for the profits accruing during such suspension, in case the patentee be restored, was read. Whereupon a clause relating to Mr. Skene and other patentees was agreed, and order'd to be inserted in Mr. Lowther's instructions.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Stanhope, dated this day [fo. 422], inclosing the extract of a memorial from the Marquis de Monteleon, relating to the duties payable by his Majesty's subjects in Spain, for the opinion of this Board thereupon, was read, together with the said extract; and their lordships gave directions for preparing a letter to Mr. Stanhope, to desire this Board may be inform'd, before they report their opinion upon that matter, what duties are included in the ten *per cent.* mentiond in the said memorial.

Berkeley.

February 11. Present:—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

A letter to Mr. Secretary Stanhope [fo. 421, 426], as directed yesterday, inclosing a question which the Board desire to have resolv'd, relating to the 10 *per cent.* mentiond in the extract of the Marquis de Monteleon's memorial, before their lordships give their opinion fully thereupon, was sign'd.

The draught of a commission for Captain Hart to be Governor of Maryland [fo. 407, 452], being laid before the Board, a letter was sign'd for transmitting the same to Mr. Secretary Stanhope.

Mr. Orby having, in behalf of Brigadier Hunter, desired a copy of the objections lately made by the Earl of Clarendon against two Acts of New York and New Jersey [fo. 410], ordered that he have a copy thereof accordingly.

The draughts of two commissions for Brigadier Hunter to be Governor of New York and New Jersey [fo. 401], being laid before the Board, a letter for transmitting them to Mr. Secretary Stanhope, was sign'd.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Taylour, one of the secretaries of the Treasury, to desire he will move the Lords Commissioners that a Privy Seal may pass as usual for this office.

Berkeley.

February 15. Present:—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doerninque.

Mr. Lowther attending, and praying their lordships would give what dispatch they could to his instructions for the government of Barbadoes [fo. 415], he was acquainted that the same were now transcribing fair, but that their lordships could not fill up the clause wherein the counsellors' names are to be inserted, before they heard again from Sir John Colleton, or his agent, Mr. Hardisty, who opposes Mr. John Colleton's being appointed of the Council of the said island; and directions were given for desiring the said Mr. Hardisty and Mr. Rowland Tryon [fo. 427] to attend the Board to-morrow morning.

Mr. Attorney General's report, relating to *an Act of Parliament* pass'd in the 6th year of her late Majesty's reign, *for the encouragement of the trade to America*, was read, and directions given for leaving out the clause relating to the said Act in the several draughts of instructions preparing for his Majesty's Governors in America.

The further proposals of Mr. Coram [fo. 414] and several disbanded officers and soldiers as directed the 8th instant, relating to a new settlement in North America and the charge thereof, was read; and Colonel Vetch attending, was call'd in, who being ask'd several questions, said there were many navigable rivers in Nova Scotia, convenient a great way up into the country for lighters &c., boats, or floating of large masts and other timber, wherewith that province abounds; that in relation to the intended settlement aforementioned, he was of opinion it wou'd be of more advantage to Great Britain, if the same were made in Nova Scotia, than any other part of that continent, by which means we shou'd be more compleat masters of the fishery there; the French when they were possess'd of Port Royal (now Annapolis Royal) having in time of peace oblig'd the New Englanders to pay to them for lycences to fish in those parts, and such a settlement in Nova Scotia would be a more immediate check upon the French at Cape Briton.

Then the said Coram, with the officers and soldiers &c., were call'd in, and ask'd whether they shou'd be as content to settle in Nova Scotia as on the lands near Kennebeck river [fo. 431]; they said they should not, and objected the difficulty of raising provisions for their support &c. in Accadie or Nova Scotia; after which they withdrew, and their lordships resolved to consider further of this matter at another opportunity.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Martyn, Inspector General of his Majesty's Customs [fo. 430], to desire, as soon as conveniently

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*Commissions for
Brigadier Hunter.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.*

Miscellanies.

*Letter to Mr.
Taylour.
Privy Seal*

Barbadoes.

*Mr. Lowther.
His instructions.*

Counsellors.

*Sir John Colleton's
objections against
Mr. Colleton.*

*Mr. Hardisty and
Tryon summons.*

Plantations General.

*Attorney General's
report on Act about
trade to America.*

Instructions.

New England.

Nova Scotia.

*Further proposals
of Coram.*

*Disbanded officers
and soldiers.*

Colonel Vetch.

Navigable rivers in

Nova Scotia,

masts, timber &c.

Settlement most

advantageous in

Nova Scotia.

*Fishery and check
upon the French.*

*Coram and officers
call'd in.*

*They prefer Kennebeck
river to other parts.*

Plantations General.

Trade.

Naval stores.

Letter to Mr. Martin.

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he can, an account of the quantities of mast, pitch and tar imported into this kingdom since the year 1706, distinguishing in the said account what has been imported from the northern Crowns, and what from the plantations.

Trade.

Spain.

Message from Mr.
Secretary Stanhope
about answer on
Monteleon's memorial.

Answer order'd.

Nova Scotia.

Memorial.

Borland.

Payment of money
for officers &c. of
Annapolis.

Colonel Nicholson
summond.

A message was brought from Mr. Secretary Stanhope [fo. 422] by Mr. Pringle, signifying Mr. Stanhope's desire of such answer as the Board can at present give to his letter of the 10th instant, upon the extract of the Marquis de Monteleon's memorial (mention'd in the minutes of the same day), without staying for an explanation of the question sent him by their lordships the 11th of this month, relating to the 10 *per cent.* duty in Spain, and their lordships gave directions for preparing an answer accordingly [fo. 432].

A memorial from Mr. Borland [fo. 418, 429], relating to money due to him from the officers and garrison of Annapolis, and Colonel Nicholson's refusing to give the necessary orders for his payment, was read. Whereupon order'd that Colonel Nicholson be desir'd to attend the Board to-morrow morning.

Berkeley.

February 16. Present :—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

A letter from Mr. Pringle, by order of Mr. Secretary Stanhope, dated this day, desiring the Board's opinion upon a proposal made to the King of Portugal, relating to an island on the coast of Brazil, where gold has been discover'd, was read.

Trade.

Letter from Mr.

Pringle.

Mr. Secretary
Stanhope.

Paper about new
discovery of gold in
the Brazils.

Barbadoes.

Counsellors.

Hardisty and Tryon
about Colleton.

Mr. Hardisty and Mr. Rowland Tryon attending [fo. 424], as desired yesterday, they acquainted the Board they had had but little time to confer upon the subject of Mr. John Colleton's being appointed of the Council of Barbadoes, and Mr. Tryon said he beleived Sir John Colleton wou'd find his interest in accepting what he had to offer to him in behalf of the said Mr. Colleton for determining the dispute between them; which, however, he hoped would not be an objection of sufficient weight to prevent Mr. Colleton's being constituted a member of his Majesty's said Council, since it was almost impossible for any gentleman to be intirely free from lawsuits there. Whereupon Mr. Tryon was acquainted that this seem'd to be a very extraordinary case, and he was ask'd whether Mr. Colleton wou'd be willing to admit Sir John into the possession of his share of the estate in question, and account for the past profits. To which apply'd (*sic*) that he beleiv'd Mr. Colleton would when it was determined what Sir John's due proportion was; and Mr. Tryon read to their lordships the copy of a letter writ by Colonel Cleland to Sir John Colleton some time since, to shew Mr. Colleton's readiness to come to an accommodation. Mr. Hardisty, upon this, represented to their lordships that Mr. Tryon offering a certain sum from Mr. Colleton, much inferior to the value of Sir John's right, as is apprehended, the proposal would by no means be comply'd with, especially since Sir John was not inclined to part with his interest in the said estate at all; and that Mr. Colleton's keeping possession thereof, without giving Sir John

any of the accounts of the produce for above 20 years past, was a very extraordinary hardship, which he hoped the Board would consider before Mr. Colleton be appointed of his Majesty's Council in the said island.

Colonel Nicholson attending, with Mr. Borland [*fo.* 426, 430], as desired yesterday, upon the said Borland's memorial relating to several sums of money advanced by him for the use of the officers and soldiers at Annapolis in Nova Scotia; their lordships, after some discourse with them thereupon, gave directions for their attending again to-morrow morning, and that Mr. Lynn and Mr. Gordon [*fo.* 430], agents for the said forces, have notice to attend at the same time.

Then Colonel Nicholson presented to their lordships the copy of a paper from Monsieur de Subercase, relating to passports; whereby it appears that Cape Briton was within his, the said Subercase's, government of Accadie or Nova Scotia, at the surrender of that province to the forces of Great Britain in 1710, which was read.

An Act pass'd in Barbadoes in 1708, entituled *An Act to dock the intail of Mount Lucie Plantation, and other the estate in this island of John Lucy Blackman, esquire, and to vest the same in the said John Lucy Blackman in fee simple*, being laid before the Board; order'd that the same be sent to Mr. Attorney General for his opinion thereupon in point of law.

Berkeley.

February 17. Present:—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Mr. Lyn and Mr. Gordon [*fo.* 429], agents for the forces at Annapolis Royal, attending, according to order, with Mr. Borland and Colonel Nicholson, Mr. Lyn acquainted their lordships that he had directions to pay no bills for the said forces but by Colonel Nicholson's orders, and that the officers' accounts were now making up, whereby it would appear, when the same are finish'd, what is due to each particular person, and Colonel Nicholson declar'd he had no objection against Mr. Borland's receiving what he might then justly claim.

Ordered that Mr. Onslow and Mr. Harris be acquainted with the Board's desire of speaking with them on Tuesday morning next.

Mr. Martyn [*fo.* 425], Inspector General of his Majesty's Customs, attending, presented to the Board an account of pitch, tar and masts imported annually into this kingdom since 1706, as their lordships had desired, which was read; and Mr. Martyn being withdrawn, directions were given for writing to Mr. Martyn for several accounts of exports and imports from and to this kingdom, with the valuations thereof [*R. fo.* 8].

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February 18. Present:—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

A memorial from the officers concern'd about a settlement in North America, containing some reasons for making the said settlement on the land between the river Sagadehock [*fo.* 425],

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Nicholson and
Borland.
Payment of bills.

To attend again with
agents for the forces.

Papers about extent of
Monsieur Subercase's
government.
Surrender'd to
Nicholson.

Barbadoes.
Act about John
Lucy Blackman's
plantations.

Sent to Attorney
General.

Nova Scotia.
Lynn.
Gordon.
Borland.
Nicholson.

Payment of bills.
Accounts of officers
making up.

Plantations General.
Trade.
Mr. Martin.
Naval stores
imported.

Trade.
Letter to Mr.
Martyn.
Exports and imports.
Valuations.

Nova Scotia.
Memorial from dis-
banded officers about
new settlement.

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alias Kennebeck, and the river St. Croix, preferable to any place between Cape Sable and Cape Briton, was read; and the said officers attending, they were acquainted that notice should be sent them when the Board had occasion to speak with them thereupon.

Berkeley.

February 21. Present :—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary Stanhope [*fo.* 426, 437], in answer to his of the 10th instant, upon the extract of a memorial from the Marquis de Monteleon, relating to the duties payable in Spain upon British merchandize, mention'd in the minutes of the 15th of this month, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Doctor Coxe attending [*fo.* 405], acquainted their lordships that he had been prevented from waiting on them so soon as he design'd, by reason of the dangerous indisposition of a particular friend under his care, and the doctor still urging the Board, as he had formerly, to grant him copies of Brigadier Hunter's instructions or liberty to compare such copies as he had with the original draughts of the said instructions in this office, as likewise a copy of Brigadier Hunter's commission, which he hoped their lordships would indulge him in, for that the like favour had been formerly granted to others in relation to the commission and instructions for the government of New Jersey; he was told that the giving copies or extracts of any Governor's commission or instructions was unusual, and Mr. Docminique represented, that the proprietors of New Jersey having copies of the Governor's instructions was a very particular case, the surrender of that government to the Crown by the proprietors being conditional, and several clauses incerted in the said instructions upon consideration of the said surrender. Then Doctor Coxe being asked for the particular charges of mal-administration, with their proofs, which he said he had against Brigadier Hunter; he presented to the Board a second memorial against renewing Colonel (now Brigadier) Hunter's commissions for the governments of New York and New Jersey [*R. fo.* 44], containing several accusations against him, which memorial was read; and the same appearing to be mostly in very general terms, without proofs, the doctor was desired to make the allegations as particular and distinct as he could, and to produce what proof he had to support each single charge.

And in the meantime order'd that Mr. Orby, who appears for Brigadier Hunter, have a copy of the foresaid memorial, if he desire the same.

Berkeley.

February 22. Present :—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Mr. Lowther attending, and being ask'd his opinion as to Mr. Allen's being appointed of his Majesty's Council of Barbadoes, for which trust he had been recommended, and of whom their lordships had heard a very good character, Mr. Lowther said he thought that gentleman very fit, and had no objection to it, if

Trade.*Spain.*

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Marquis Monte-
leon's memorial.*

New Jersey.**New York.**

*Dr. Coxe against
Brigadier Hunter.*

*Doctor desires copies
of commission and
instructions.*

The Board decline it.

*Second memorial
against
Brigadier Hunter.*

*Allegations to be
proved.*

*Mr. Orby to have
copy of the
memorial.*

Barbados.

*Mr. Lowther about
Mr. Allen's being of
the Council.*

Mr. Thomas Allen or Mr. Salter, his near relations, would either of them quit that station. But as a quorum of five members of his Majesty's said Council determine causes and transact other business, he apprehended it might be inconvenient to have a majority of one family; whereupon their lordships named Mr. John Lucie Blackman, whom Mr. Lowther said he thought likewise very fitly qualify'd to serve his Majesty as a councillor; and his name was ordered to be inserted accordingly in the draught of Mr. Lowther's instructions [fo. 408] for the government of Barbadoes, which was now agreed, as likewise a draught of instructions for him in the usual form with particular relation to the Acts of Trade; and a letter for transmitting the same to Mr. Secretary Stanhope was signed.

Thomas Onslow, esquire, and Mr. Richard Harris attending, as they had been desired, and being asked what they remember'd to have pass'd at the Board of Trade on the 9th of January, 1713, when they were present, Mr. Onslow acquainted their lordships that he, having an interest in Jamaica, was inform'd that the same, as well as our other sugar plantations, would be very much prejudiced if a prohibition, or duties tantamount, were settled upon importation of sugar into France by the Treaty of Commerce, then in agitation between Great Britain and that kingdom. Whereupon he consulted several considerable West India merchants, who drew up and signed a memorial to the then Lords Commissioners of Trade, which Mr. Moore, then a member of the Board, was pleased to term a libel, and had discouraged the merchants from attending again upon that subject, as would appear to their lordships by a minute Mr. Harris took soon after of that transaction, to which Mr. Onslow referr'd himself. And Mr. Harris now producing it, the same was read, as likewise the draught of a letter intended to be sent to Mr. Popple and laid before the Board, relating to clay'd sugars, which they apprehended would be look'd upon by the French as refined sugars, unless the same were particularly explain'd in the said treaty then on foot. Which draught Mr. Harris said was copy'd fair, sign'd by himself and several more of the said merchants, and left at the Jamaica coffee house, to be subscribed by such others as concurr'd therein. But the same having after a few days been spirited away (as he express'd himself) and never found since, the merchants were discouraged from making any further application.

Mr. Harris then took occasion to mention the great danger Jamaica and several of his Majesty's other plantations wou'd be in, if the French were intire masters of Hispaniola, which he thought they were already in effect, by the several regular fortifications and flourishing settlements they have on that island, while the Spaniards have little more than the towns of St. Domingo and St. Jago; and in regard to the trade Jamaica &c. had with the Spaniards on the continent of America, our supplying them with provisions would always support that commerce, though it had been much prejudiced, if not quite destroy'd, by our privateers in this last war.

These gentlemen being withdrawn, ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Harris [fo. 461], to desire he will reduce into writing what

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Inconvenience by too many related to each other.

Mr. Blackman appointed.

Instructions for Mr. Lowther agreed.

Letter to Mr. Secretary Stanhope therewith.

**Jamaica.
Trade.**

Mr. Onslow and Mr. Harris about what pass'd at their attending the Board of Trade in January, 1713.

Merchants' memorial termed a libel. Minute taken by Mr. Harris.

Letter intended to Mr. Popple about clayed sugars interpreted by the French to be refin'd.

Danger from the French at Hispaniola.

Trade from Jamaica to the continent supported by provisions.

Letter to Mr. Harris about Hispaniola.

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he now mention'd to the Board in relation to the French settlements on Hispaniola, and add what else may occur to him upon that subject to be laid before the Board, as soon as conveniently he can.

Trade.

Spain.

Letter to Mr.

Secretary Stanhope.
Marquis Monteleon's
memorial.

A letter to Mr. Secretary Stanhope [*fo.* 432], in answer to his of the 10th instant, upon the extract of a memorial from the Marquis de Monteleon, the Spanish Ambassador, relating to the Customs payable by his Majesty's subjects on their goods in Spain, was sign'd.

Newfoundland.

Heads of enquiry
and instructions.

A draught of the usual heads of enquiry and instructions to be given to the Commodore of the Newfoundland convoy, being laid before their lordships [*fo.* 420, 461], the same were agreed, with some amendments, and ordered to be sent to Mr. Burchet for the directions of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty thereupon.

Berkeley.

February 23. Present :—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

St. Christopher's.
Order of Council.
Salenave's petition.

An Order of Council of the 5th of January, 1714, referring to the Board the petition of Mrs. Salenave, praying some speedy relief by the restitution of her estate in the late French part of the island of St. Christopher's, was read, together with the said petition, as likewise the copy of a report from the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury to the Lords of the Council, and a representation to her late Majesty from the Board of Trade of the 5th of May last [*R. fo.* 41], about settling that part of the said island; whereupon ordered that the draught of a representation [*fo.* 439], be prepar'd, humbly to acquaint his Majesty that this Board have no objection why his Majesty may not be graciously pleased to grant Mrs. Salenave the prayer of her said petition.

Report of Lords of
the Treasury and
Board of Trade.

Representation to be
prepared.

Trade.

Portugal.

Papers about griev-
ances in that trade.

Their lordships then took again into consideration the Lord Viscount Townshend's letter, mention'd in the minutes of the 4th of January last [*fo.* 371, *v. infra*], and several other papers relating to a Treaty of Commerce with Portugal, and made a progress therein.

Berkeley.

February 24. Present :—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

St. Christopher's.
Representation on
Salenave's petition.

The draught of a representation directed yesterday to be prepared [*fo.* 438] upon the Order of Council, referring to this Board the petition of Mrs. Salenave, relating to her plantation in the late French part of St. Christopher's, was agreed and signed.

Trade.
Portugal.
Former papers again
read.

Then their lordships made a further progress in considering the British trade with Portugal [*v. supra*, 441], and the memorial of the merchants in London trading thither, mention'd in the minutes of the 2nd of July, 1711 (Trade, Bundle M., No. 78), and the two Orders in Council of the 19th of December, 1711, referring to the Board of Trade the memorials from the merchants at Lisbon and Oporto (which were read the 14th of January, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$) (Trade M.,

Nos. 122 and 123), were again read, together with the said memorials ; whereupon directions were given for writing to Sir John Ward, Sir Peter Delmè, Mr. Milner and Mr. Samuel Clarke [fo. 450], to desire they would reconsider the said memorials with such other merchants concern'd in the Portugal trade as they shall think fit, and if they have any additions or alterations to make that may be for the benefit of the trade to that kingdom, they wou'd bring it to this Board in writing on Thursday morning next.

Berkeley.

February 25. Present :—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Cooke.

Their lordships made a further progress in considering the state of the British trade with Portugal [fo. 439], and the letter from Mr. Secretary Boyle of the 9th of August, 1709 (mention'd in the minutes of the 15th of the same month), with the representation from the merchants in that kingdom, relating to their grievances referr'd to in the said letter, as also the report of the Board of Trade to her late Majesty thereupon, dated the 23rd of November following, were severally read.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Stanhope, of the 23rd instant, referring to the Board a scheme or treatise relating to his Majesty's plantations in America, was read, and their lordships resolved to take the said scheme into consideration at a convenient opportunity.

Berkeley.

February 28. Present :—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

A letter from the Mayor of Dartmouth, of the 18th instant, desiring that the merchants and others of that town may be heard upon a scheme said to be laid before this Board relating to the Newfoundland trade, and recommending Mr. John Roop as a person proper to be advised with about the affairs of Newfoundland, was read ; whereupon ordered that the secretary write to the said Mayor, to acquaint him that their lordships have under consideration several memorials and other papers relating to that trade and fishery, but not knowing what particular paper they call a scheme in the said letter, their lordships shall be glad to receive as soon as conveniently may be, what the merchants etc. of Dartmouth have to offer upon the same subject.

A letter from the Mayor and several merchants of Biddyford, desiring a convoy may be appointed for the ships to be employ'd in this year's trade and fishery at Newfoundland, was read ; whereupon directions were given for acquainting the said Mayor that the appointing a convoy for that purpose is under the consideration of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

A memorial from Mr. Cumings, relating to the state of Newfoundland and the fishery there, as likewise to the consequence of the French having Cape Breton, was read, and some printed considerations by Mr. Cummings on the trade to Newfoundland were laid before the Board ; whereupon their lordships observing what

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*Letter to merchants
for additions or
alterations to former
memorials.*

Trade.

Portugal.

Former papers read.

Plantations General.

*Letter from Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Scheme or treatise
about the plantations
&c.*

Newfoundland.

*Letter from Mayor
of Dartmouth.*

*Letter to him for what
the merchants have
to offer.*

*Letter from the Mayor
&c. of Bydeford
about convoy.
Answer.*

*Memorial from
Cumings.*

*Printed considera-
tions.*

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*Mr. Campbell and
Cumings present.
Supply of provisions
for the garrison.*

Foreman, agent.

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.*

Newfoundland.

*Letter from Mr.
Pringle.*

*Papers from Mr.
Bromley.*

*Moody.
Board of Ordnance.*

*Memorial from
Mr. Merret.*

*Two from Mr.
Campbell with papers.*

*Heads of memorial
from Smith.*

Newfoundland.

*Letter from
Taverner.*

*Report of his proceed-
ings and other papers
therein referr'd to.*

is represented in the said memorial of the ill condition of the fort at Placentia, and the necessities which the soldiers there are reduced to, and Mr. Campbell, agent for Colonel Moody, attending at the same time, together with Mr. Cumings, who desiring an immediate supply of provisions may be sent to the said garrison by the *Rose* gally, Nicholas King master, to sail in a few days directly for Newfoundland, the said ship (as these gentlemen assured the Board) belonging to English owners, and the master known to Mr. Cumings, Mr. Foreman, agent for the garrison, was sent for, but he not being able to give an account what the said garrison are in immediate need of, a letter was writ to Mr. Secretary Stanhope, laying before him the state of this matter, for the necessary directions thereupon.

A letter from Mr. Pringle, of the 25th past, by order of Mr. Secretary Stanhope, inclosing a letter from Mr. Bromley, late Secretary of State, to Colonel Moody, and two reports, one from the Board of Ordnance [R. fo. 76], the other from the Surveyor General to that Board, who had been formerly ingineer in Newfoundland, relating to the stores &c. for Newfoundland, and to the fortifying of Placentia, being laid before the Board, the said letter and reports were read.

A memorial from Mr. Solomon Merret, relating to the present state of Newfoundland, was likewise read.

Two memorials from Mr. Campbell, one with several papers about Colonel Moody's and Captain Taverner's proceedings, received the 1st, the other the 23rd, of the last month, relating to the present state of Newfoundland, and the fishery there, were read.

The copy of the heads of a memorial (received from Mr. Smith), which was presented to the merchants of Bristol by a committee appointed to consider of their Newfoundland trade, was read.

A letter from Captain Taverner [R. fo. 80], Surveyor of Newfoundland, dated the 22nd of April, 1714, as also his report, relating to his proceedings there, referr'd to in his said letter, were read, and the other papers therein referr'd to laid before the Board, vizt. :

A new chart of the islands and harbour of St. Peter's, with the island of Columba and the adjacent rocks survey'd by Captain Taverner, Surveyor of Newfoundland.

Account of ships, inhabitants &c., at St. Peter's in Newfoundland, belonging to France.

Certificate of Colonel Moody and Captain Taverner, recommending Captain Ruston, commander of the *Tyger* gally, to the Commissioners of Transportation, for a month's pay.

After which, their lordships resolved to take the foremention'd several papers relating to Newfoundland [fo. 447] into further consideration at the next meeting ; and in the meantime a difficulty arising in relation to the heads of enquiry and instructions to be given the Comodore of this year's convoy, by an inconsistence between the Act of Parliament pass'd in the 10th and 11th years of the reign of King William *to encourage the trade to Newfoundland*, and the late Treaty of Peace [fo. 461], concluded with the French at Utrecht, the first excluding all foreigners whatsoever from fishing there, and the latter allowing the French to fish &c. from Bonavista

*Inconsistence of
Treaty of Peace, with
Act of Parliament
about Newfoundland*

*Papers to be further
consider'd.*

to Cape Riche, a letter to Mr. Secretary Stanhope for directions thereupon was now drawn up and signed.

R. Molesworth.

March 2. Present :—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

An Order of a Committee of Council, dated the 28th of the last month, referring to this Board the petitions of the Turkey Company, Italian merchants and silk weavers of London and Canterbury [fo. 451; R. fo. I.], relating to the mourning, and complaining of the great decay of their trade by the proceeding of the French trading to Turkey and the West Indies, was read, together with the several petitions. Whereupon order'd that letters be writ to Sir Gerard Conyers, Deputy Governor of the Turkey Company, Sir Edward Gould, who trades to Italy, and Mr. Peter Lekeux, one of the Assistants of the Company of Silk Weavers, to desire they will respectively consult such of the petitioners as they may think proper, and bring to this Board in writing, on Monday morning next, whatever they may have further to offer on the subject of the said petitions.

Then their lordships proceeding, as agreed at the last meeting [fo. 445], to consider several papers relating to Newfoundland.

The six letters after mention'd, from several persons, being all in answer to what the secretary writ to them the 7th of September, 1714 [fo. 315], relating to a survey to be made of Newfoundland, were read, vizt. :

Letter from the Mayor and magistrates of Dartmouth, recommending Mr. John Roop.

Letter from the Mayor and magistrates of Liverpool.

Letter from the Collector of the Customs at Biddeford, recommending Mr. George Withiel.

Letter from the Mayor of Barnstable recommending Mr. George Withiel.

Letter from Mr. Henry Johnstone, of Carmarthen, desiring the Board not to send over Captain Taverner.

Letter from the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, of the 2nd October, in answer to one writ him the 7th September, 1714, in relation to a survey to be made of Newfoundland.

After which, the petition of William Cleeves, of Pool, against Captain Taverner, Surveyor at Newfoundland [fo. 349], mention'd in the minutes of 23rd December last, was read; as likewise Mrs. Taverner's answer thereto, in behalf of her husband, with his case annex'd.

A letter from Colonel Moody, comander at Placentia, dated the 9th of September, 1714, relating to the evacuation of the French, and to the advantages he has procur'd the English in purchasing fish there, was read.

Then the memorial from Mr. James Smith, with the letter from Colonel Moody to the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, referr'd to this Board by Mr. Secretary Stanhope's letter of the 24th [fo. 399], mention'd in the minutes of the 26th, of January last, were read, and their lordships resolv'd to proceed at the first opportunity in

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Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope
thereupon.

Trade.

Order of Committee
of Council.
Petitions of Turkey
Company.
Italian merchants,
silk weavers &c.,
mourning &c.
Letters to the
several merchants.

Newfoundland.

Letters from

Mayor &c. of
Dartmouth.

Mayor of Liverpool.

Collector of
Bydeford.

Mayor of
Barnstable.

Johnson.

Provost of
Edinburgh.

Petition of Cleeves.

Mrs. Taverner's
answer.

Letter from Moody.

Memorial from
Smith.

Letter from Moody
referr'd by Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.

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Bermuda.

*Letter from Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Bennet to be
Lieutenant Governor.*

considering the other papers transmitted with Mr. Secretary's foresaid letter.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Stanhope, of the 23rd of the last month, directing the draughts of a commission and instructions to be prepared for Colonel Bennet to be Lieutenant Governor of his Majesty's Bermuda Islands [R. fo. 150], was read, and directions were given for preparing the said draughts accordingly.

Berkeley.

Jamaica.

*Letter from
Thurston; one from
the Governor.*

*Letters from him, and
representations there-
upon &c. to be laid
before the Board.*

March 3. Present :—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

A letter from Mr. Thurston, together with one to him from the Lord Archibald Hamilton, Governor of Jamaica, of the 3rd of January last, relating to the subsistence of the forces there, the apprehended dissolution of the government of that island, and the clamours of some of the Assembly, were read. Whereupon ordered that the Lord Archibald Hamilton's letters for some time past, and the answers and representations made upon the same, be laid before the Board to-morrow morning.

Virginia.

*Instructions for
Earl of Orkney.*

A draught of instructions to the Earl of Orkney, for the government of Virginia, were agreed and ordered to be transcribed [fo. 359], as was likewise the usual draught of instructions for his lordship, with particular regard to the Acts of Trade.

Trade.

Portugal merchants.

Mr. Milner, Mr. Goddard and Mr. Bulteel attending [fo. 440, 451], pursuant to the letter writ to several merchants the 25th of the last month, in relation to the trade to Portugal, the extracts of letters refer'd to this Board by that from the Lord Viscount Townshend's of the 20th of December, mentioned in the minutes of the 4th January, 1714⁴/₅, were read to them; whereupon these gentlemen acquainted the Board that their former complaints lying before their lordships, they had nothing new to offer at present, but that they would write to-night to their correspondents at Lisbon for an account of the grievances mention'd in the extract from the British Factory there.

*Will write to
Lisbon about
grievances in trade.*

Trade.

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.*

Their lordships then sign'd a letter to Mr. Secretary Stanhope [fo. 450, 452], informing him that their lordships could make no report upon this matter till they had an answer to the letter, which the foremention'd merchants intended to write to Lisbon.

Berkeley.

March 4. Present :—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Trade.

Turkey Company.

The secretary acquainted the Board that the Deputy Governor of the Turkey Company [fo. 446; R. fo. 1] had sent to inform their lordships that the letter writ him the 2nd instant could not possibly be comply'd with before the said Company had held a general Court, which was appointed for Tuesday next.

Maryland.

*Letter (sic) Baltemore.
Order of Council.*

The Lord Baltemore, proprietor of Maryland, attending, presented to the Board an Order of Council of the 23rd of the last month, referring to them a petition from his lordship, praying his Majesty

would please to approve his nomination of John Hart, esquire [fo. 422], to be Governor of that province, was read, together with the said petition; wherefore a representation [R. fo. 73], signifying that their lordships have no objection against his Majesty's approving the said Hart for Governor of the said province, was agreed and signd.

The secretary acquainted their lordships that Mr. Nathaniel Bradley [fo. 451, 463], and other merchants trading to Oporto, came to the office yesterday after the Board was up, in order to have offer'd some thing in relation to the British trade to that kingdom. Whereupon ordered that they have notice to bring the same to the Board in writing on Wednesday morning next.

The draught of a commission for Benjamin Bennet, esquire, to be Lieutenant Governor of his Majesty's Bermuda Islands, being laid before the Board, a letter for transmitting the same to Mr. Secretary Stanhope was sign'd.

A letter from Sir Joseph Hodges, of the 2nd instant, inclosing a list of papers delivered to Mr. Moore by his father, the late Sir William Hodges, relating to the Spanish trade, and desiring the same may be return'd, was read; whereupon ordered that the secretary write to Mr. Moore to desire he will send the said papers to this office.

Their lordships then took into consideration the draught of instructions to be given to the Lord Archibald Hamilton for the government of Jamaica [fo. 359], and read several letters and papers, formerly received from his lordship, relating to that island; and thereupon order'd that Mr. Rigby be desired to attend this Board as soon as conveniently he can.

Further order'd that the several Acts of the Assembly of Jamaica, which have not been presented to the Crown, be look'd out, to be laid before the Board.

R. Molesworth.

March 7. Present:—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

The secretary acquainting the Board that Captain Wade [fo. 456], commander of one of her Majesty's ships last year at Newfoundland, had attended and signify'd his readiness to communicate to their lordships his thoughts concerning the trade and fishery of that island, whenever their lordships shall please to appoint; order'd that he be desired to attend the Board to-morrow morning.

Sir Edward Gould, Mr. Ward, Mr. Lekeux, Mr. Carter and several other merchants and others attending, pursuant to the letters writ the 2nd instant upon the several petitions to his Majesty from the Turkey Company and Italian merchants and silk weavers [fo. 446], relating to the mourning, and the prejudice of their trade by the proceedings of the French trading to Turkey and the West Indies, the following papers were respectively presented to the Board and read, vizt.:

Representation of the merchants of London trading to Italy, relating to their petition to his Majesty about the mourning &c.

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Lord Proprietor's
nomination of Hart
for Governor.
Representation
thereupon.

Trade.

Bradley and other
Oporto merchants,

to attend on
Wednesday.

Bermuda.

Bennet's com-
mission.

Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.

Trade.

Letter from
Sir Joseph Hodges.
Papers deliver'd
Mr. Moore.
Letter to Mr. Moore.

Jamaica.

Instructions for the
Governor.

Mr. Rigby
summond.

Jamaica Acts.

Newfoundland.

Captain Wade
about trade and
fishery.

Summon'd.

Trade.

Merchants about
mourning &c.

Representations of
Italian merchants of
silk manufacturers of
London and
Canterbury.

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Representation of the silk manufacturers in and about London, in behalf of themselves and their trade.

Reasons touching the petition lately presented to his Majesty from the Corporation of Silk Weavers in Canterbury.

Memorial from Sir Edward Gould about former memorials presented by him.

Sir Edward to have copies.

*Jamaica.
Progress in considering Governor's letters &c.*

After which, Sir Edward Gould presented to the Board a memorial, desiring that several former memorials or schemes of trade delivered to the late Board of Trade, relating to the commerce of Great Britain with several parts of Italy, might be redeliver'd to him, which said memorial was read; whereupon Sir Edward was acquainted that their lordships could not part with the said papers, but that if he pleased he shou'd have copies thereof.

Then their lordships made a further progress in considering the several letters and papers received some time ago from the Lord Archibald Hamilton [fo. 450, 461], Governor of Jamaica, with what has been done thereupon; the said letters and papers now read and laid before the Board were Bundle N., from number 39 to number 80, with the Board's letter of 20 July, 1713, to the Lord Archibald Hamilton, as likewise their letters to the late Lord Treasurer and Lord Bolingbroke of the 12th of February and 9th of March, 1714, the former upon Mr. Swymmer's petition about the escheat of Kupius, and the latter concerning the regiment at Jamaica.

R. Molesworth.

March 8. Present :—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

*Nova Scotia.
Colonel Nicholson to hasten his memorial.*

Ordered that Colonel Nicholson be desired to lay before this Board, as soon as may be, what he has to offer in relation to Nova Scotia, and particularly what he can propose to make that place of advantage to Great Britain.

*Leeward Islands.
Mr. Alford.
Debentures.*

Mr. Daniel Alford attending in behalf of some of the sufferers at Nevis, and his powers of attorney being examined at the Board, the two debentures number'd 403 and 491, the former in the name of Elizabeth Marden, the latter in the name of Carew Broadbelt, were delivered to him.

*Newfoundland.
Captain Wade
giving account of
Newfoundland.*

Captain Wade [fo. 453], comander of one of her Majesty's ships last year at Newfoundland, attending, as desired, and their lordships inquiring what information he could give in relation to that place, he said that he had been long acquainted with the Newfoundland trade and fishery, which he thought was of the greatest consequence to this kingdom, though very ill managed.

About making settlements detrimental to the fishery.

That it was his opinion the making settlements in Newfoundland would ruin and defeat the good ends proposed for the advantage of this kingdom; for that the planters, or such as remain there, destroy the stages, and incroach upon the ships' and boats' rooms, which ought to be free for those who come to fish.

Pretended purchasers from the French.

That great prejudices might ensue from the planters' pretended purchases from the French, who, he had heard, were allow'd by her Majesty to dispose of their immoveable as well as moveable effects, which wou'd be a very great discouragement to that trade; for that they exact summs of money for the building of stages, and

upon those pretended purchases, which ought to be free, as heretofore.

That before there were so many inhabitants at Newfoundland, there were more fishing ships &c. sent yearly from England than of late years; and by those fishing ships carrying more fresh men than are now usually sent, the number of our seamen increased then much more than at present.

And Captain Wade being asked how the stages, boats and other craft or utensils left behind would be protected without inhabitants, when the fishing ships had left the country, he answer'd that he did not propose, nor did it seem practicable, to withdraw all the present inhabitants from Newfoundland, of whom there wou'd be always enow to look after and preserve the conveniencies and utensils necessarily left behind, by the assistance of a few platforms in proper places.

That at Ferryland there is a place naturally fit for a fortification, though he was of opinion the defence of Newfoundland ought chiefly to depend upon a naval strength.

That the fishermen who now reside there, are many of them of a very ill character, commit many rogueries, and abuse the masters of fishing ships &c., coming from England, of whom they get supplies of cloathing, provisions, liquors &c.

That many of the fresh men are sent away to New England, of which there was an instance, wherein Captain Wade endeavour'd to prevent it, and an illegal trade is carry'd on there by vessels from his Majesty's plantations trafficking the enumerated goods, particularly tobacco (of which he seized a quantity), for several sorts of European commodities, which had never been landed in Great Britain.

All which irregularities the captain was of opinion cou'd not otherwise be prevented than by Parliament.

Their lordships then inquiring whether he had been at Placentia, and what condition that place was in, Captain Wade said he had not been there, but that he heard the fort was in a bad condition, and he further declared his opinion that no considerable fortifications at Newfoundland wou'd ever answer their charge.

That in order to preserve our intrest in those parts, a fortification on the coast of Nova Scotia wou'd be of great use, and without some such thing to be a check upon the French at Cape Briton, the British interest in America, and particularly the trade and fishery of Newfoundland, and that on the coast of Nova Scotia and New England, wou'd be in great danger.

And being further asked, in relation to the fishery last year, he said it had been very bad, but that at the latter end of the season, by trying on the bank, they had pretty good success; that some quantities of fish had been bought of the French, who, in his opinion, might reasonably have been allow'd six months after the surrender of Placentia to retire; that the best fishing last year on the coast of Newfoundland had been at Trepassy or Cape Race, of which the French were formerly possess'd.

Captain Wade being likewise ask'd his opinion concerning the survey of the coasts &c. of Newfoundland, and Captain Taverner,

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*Before so many
inhabitants fishery
better.*

More seamen made.

*Security of stages &c.
left behind.*

*Ferriland fit for a
fortification.*

*Newfoundland to
depend on naval
strength.*

*Character of fisher-
men and planters
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*Fresh men sent to
New England.
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*Fortifications not
answer the charge.*

*Nova Scotia to be
fortify'd.*

Fishery last year.

*Survey of
Newfoundland.*

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Taverner.

who is now employ'd about it, he said it wou'd be of use in making us acquainted with several good fishing places, where the French have still the liberty of fishing, some of which are very dangerous; but that he thought Captain Taverner incapable of performing that service as it ought to be, and he was of opinion it wou'd best be done by some person commissioned by the Admiralty in a small vessel of about 20 guns, which wou'd be capable to defend itself &c.

*To bring a memorial
in writing.*

Upon the whole, Captain Wade was desired to reduce his thoughts into writing upon these several matters, and to lay the same before this Board as soon as possible, which he promised to do accordingly; and in the meantime he referr'd their lordships for a further account of Newfoundland to Captain Fairley, who had been lately at Placentia. Whereupon ordered that Captain Fairly be acquainted with the Board's desire of speaking with him as soon as he conveniently can.

*Captain Fairley
summond.*

Jamaica.**Trade.***Letter from**Mr. Harris.**Hispaniola &c.***Newfoundland.***Mr. Secretary**Stanhope referr'd to**Attorney General**difficulty about Act of**Parliament and**Treaty of Peace.**Letter to Mr. Burchet.**Heads of inquiry**and instructions for**commodore.*

Letter from Mr. Harris [*fo.* 437], dated yesterday, upon two letters sent him by the secretary, desiring he wou'd reduce into writing what he had said, or might further occur to him, to be laid before the Board, relating to Hispaniola, was read.

The secretary acquainting the Board that Mr. Secretary Stanhope had referr'd to Mr. Attorney General their lordships' difficulty about the inconsistency of the late Treaty of Peace [*fo.* 446], with the Act of Parliament, mention'd in the minutes of the 28th of the last month, relating to Newfoundland, but that Mr. Attorney had made no report upon that matter. A letter to Mr. Burchet, secretary to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, with a draught of the usual heads of enquiry and instructions for the Commodore of the Newfoundland convoys, mention'd in the minutes of the 22nd of the last month [*fo.* 437], was agreed and order'd to be sent.

Jamaica.

*Letters and papers
from the Governor.*

Then their lordships made a further progress in considering several letters and papers received some time since from the Lord Archibald Hamilton, Governor of Jamaica [*fo.* 455; R. *fo.* 2]; the said letters and papers were Bundle N., from Nos. 97 to 108; and the two representations of the 12th of March, 17¹³/₁₄, were likewise laid before the Board.

Trade.*Letter from Mr.**Moore.**Papers he had from**Sir Joseph Hodges**about Spain.**Letter to Sir Joseph**Hodges for copies.*

A letter from Mr. Moore, of the 8th, in answer to the secretary's of the 4th instant, relating to some papers about the Spanish trade, which Mr. Moore had formerly received from Sir William Hodges, and has now return'd to Sir Joseph Hodges, was read. Whereupon ordered that the secretary write to Sir Joseph Hodges to desire their lordships may have the perusal or copies of the said papers.

R. Molesworth.

March 9. Present :—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Jamaica.
*Letter from Mr. Rigby
about attendance
on the Board.*

A letter from Mr. Rigby, dated at Colchester the 7th instant, signifying that his affairs make it inconvenient for him to attend the Board sooner than about a fortnight hence, but that if their lordships comand it before that time, he shall be ready to wait

on them, was read. Whereupon ordered that he be desired to make all the dispatch he can, in order to his giving their lordships some information in several matters before them relating to Jamaica.

A letter from Colonel Vetch, dated this day, relating to the circumstances of Nova Scotia and the French inhabitants removing thence with their cattle and other effects to Cape Breton, was read. Whereupon ordered that Colonel Vetch be desired to bring Mr. Shirif to this Board on Tuesday morning next [R. fo. 9, 12], with such other persons, mention'd in the said letter, as he judges can give any account of what he represents.

And further ordered that Colonel Nicholson be desired to attend at the same time.

Mr. Bradley, Mr. Brailsford and another gentleman concern'd in the British trade at Oporto, attending [fo. 452], they presented to the Board the copy of a representation from the British Factory there, transmitted to Great Britain in 1711, relating to the grievances in their trade, with some amendments, and the extracts of letters lately received, giving account of further grievances therein, which were severally read; and these gentlemen added in discourse to the same purpose as what is contain'd in several articles of the said papers, and likewise acquainted their lordships with several instances of their oppressions, contrary to the articles of peace, particularly as to the denial of the lawfull franquia. Mr. Bradley said the Portuguese in Villa de Coude had sent officers forcibly on board a vessel, wherein his friends were interested, bound to another port, and unfortunately driven into that place by stress of weather; that the Portuguese took or damaged that whole cargo, and though application was several times made to the British ministers at Lisbon, and the matters of fact proved in the most authentick maner, they cou'd never be spirited effectually to insist upon redress from the King; nor is there the least justice to be expected from any of their Courts. In relation to the duty in specie on fish, it was at first imposed by force, in all probability because 'tis contrary to the treaty, though their having long exacted it makes them look upon it as their right, which in the beginning was not so great a burthen as at present, by reason of the overweight then allow'd the merchants, which very much eased the duty.

And these gentlemen alledging, as it is represented in the said papers, that the Swedes have the privilege of sending home bullion from Portugal in return for their commodities, and that we ought likewise to enjoy that liberty, since, by the third article of our treaty, we are allow'd the same privileges as any foreign nation whatsoever, they acquainted the Board that a whole house of the Factory at Oporto had been ruin'd by prosecutions on pretence of shipping off money.

In relation to the importation of rice directly from Carolina and other his Majesty's plantations to Portugal, as proposed in the forementioned representation, these gentlemen were asked what quantities they thought might be annually imported into Portugal; who answer'd that they beleiv'd about 6,000 barrils,

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*Letter to hasten him.***Nova Scotia.***Letter from Colonel Vetch.**French removing with effects &c.**Sumons to Vetch &c. and**Nicholson.***Trade.***Oporto merchants.**Portugal.**Grievances.**Copy of representation from British Factory and letters &c.*

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which would be worth about four pounds a barril there, and they were of opinion that trade might be a considerable benefit to Great Britain, and his Majesty no loser in his duties by their being paid in Carolina.

As to the privileges we have, by the 11th article of peace, to trade to the Brazils, that liberty is intirely deny'd us, and the Portuguese are so jealous of our maintaining any correspondence or commerce with that country, that they even prohibit their own subjects, whom they suspect to be concern'd with the subjects of Great Britain; those (*sic*) these gentlemen said they heard, though they had no certainty of it, that the French had lately acquired a priviledge of going directly from France to the Brazils, and by letters from Rio de Geneira they understood several French ships had some time ago touch'd at the Brazils, under pretence of being driven thither by stress of weather, and had furnish'd those parts with several sorts of European goods.

Upon the whole, their lordships acquainted Mr. Bradley and the other gentlemen, that the several grievances they complain of shou'd be taken into consideration, and reported to his Majesty; whereupon they withdrew.

Report to be made.

St. Christopher's.
Letter from Mr.
Pringle about lands
in French part.

A letter from Mr. Pringle, by order of Mr. Secretary Stanhope, dated yesterday, with a memorandum relating to the disposal of lands, in settling the French part of the island of St. Christopher's, was read; and their lordships resolved to take the same into consideration with the other papers in the office relating to that island.

Newfoundland.
Letter from Mr.
Secretary Stanhope
for report about
garrison and trade.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Stanhope, of the 7th instant, for dispatch of the Board's report relating to the garrison and trade of Newfoundland [R. fo. 1], was read; and their lordships resolv'd to proceed to-morrow morning in considering the several papers relating thereto.

Berkeley.

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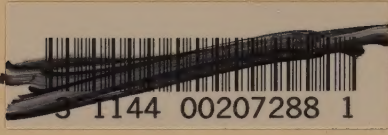
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